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Callaghan surrender to left-wing pressure on party issues criticized by backbenchers

By Michael Hatfield
Political Reporter

Mr James Callaghan, leader of the Labour Party, was under strong criticism last night from some of his backbenchers for surrendering to left-wing pressure on crucial party constitutional issues.

They are likely to come into the open tomorrow night when Mr Callaghan gives a report to the parliamentary party on the decisions reached by the party's commission of inquiry on three important constitutional issues.

Those decisions are: mandatory submission for reselection of all Labour MPs before each general election, an electoral college to elect the party leader and also to endorse the general election manifesto. Backbenchers criticise that those proposals, which have to be approved by the party annual conference, are contrary to what the Shadow Cabinet proposed and the parliamentary party endorsed.

Mr Callaghan and Mr Michael Foot, deputy leader, both members of the commission, have encountered similar criticisms from some shadow ministers at a meeting earlier this week; but they argued that there was no other alternative but to support the electoral college com-

promise once they had been defeated over an attempt to maintain the status quo on the election of the leader.

The last thing they wanted was the commission to break up in disarray which, it was learnt last night, it nearly did over the question of mandatory reselection. The trade unionists, led by Mr Clive Jenkins, general secretary of the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs, proposed a compromise which would have allowed a constituency party to reject reselection if two-thirds of its membership opposed it but they failed to get the support of Mr Mostyn Evans, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, who voted with the left-wing national executive representatives.

There was some concern about whether the trade unionists could hold together and support Mr Callaghan and Mr Foot against the NEC members on the election of the leader and the manifesto which, under a conference decision of last year, is now under the ultimate control of the NEC. The idea of the electoral college for both was the trade unionists idea, and it was Mr Evans who moved the proposal.

Shadow ministers were in-

formed of those machinations at their meeting on Monday night and it became apparent that Mr Callaghan is grateful for the trade union support, particularly over their endeavours for putting the party on a more sound financial base.

Backbenchers who are critical say that the party leader should have resisted the decisions taken, stating that he would have collected most votes at the party conference this year, especially in view of the stance taken by Mr Terence Duffy, leader of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, who backed Mr Callaghan throughout.

At least one shadow minister, making calculations, said that there was no guarantee that that was the case, and it was a view held by Mr Callaghan and Mr Foot, who received the support of Mr Duffy only when they proposed that the election of the party leaders should remain with the parliamentary party.

It became obvious last night that the party leadership and the trade unionists were desperate to reach a compromise within the commission for fear that the integral dispute would drag on interminably with the Government being the only beneficiaries.

Thatcher hint of curbs on top salary rises

By Fred Emery
Political Editor

Mrs Thatcher seized a Commons opportunity yesterday to give her strongest hint to date that top salaried officials and others in the public sector will have to make do with pay rises far below the rate of inflation.

Fresh from presiding over a Cabinet committee meeting on public-sector pay, the Prime Minister rejected a Conservative backbench invitation not to be afraid of paying the market price.

Mrs Thatcher, noting that the report of the Top Salaries Review Body had not yet gone to Cabinet, nonetheless asserted: "We cannot go on having the big public-sector wage awards we have had in the past. With production 'flat', there was no escaping the fact that improvement in living standards for those working in the public sector depended on output in the 'marketing sector' she said.

The logical consequence would seem to be all increases. However Mrs Thatcher is not going that far; she said only that public-sector rises would have to be considered carefully if inflation was to be controlled.

The exchanges on pay led on to an over-employment between Mrs Thatcher and Mr Callaghan, the Opposition leader. When Mr Callaghan rose to Conservative backbenchers over Labour's new electoral college proposals, he threw back: "I can tell Conservative MPs that the country would sooner have me as Prime Minister than the right honourable lady."

Mrs Thatcher, not blushing herself, retorted: "Modesty was never one of his more obvious characteristics." She insisted she was as concerned as anyone else about the increasing unemployment among schoolleavers.

She gave emphasis to the expanded youth opportunities programme, but Mr Callaghan insisted that her cuts meant that she was slashing job training programmes, and had no policy remedy.

Expanding on her refusal to print money, Mrs Thatcher then quoted at length from Mr Callaghan's famous speech to the 1976 Labour conference, but Mr Callaghan, oddly, mocked her for being reduced to "quoting that sort of thing."

The controversial report from Lord Boyce of Handsworth on MPs' pay is not expected to be ready before the end of this month.

Ministry reassurance that there is no danger of nuclear explosion

US well advanced in development of missile

By Arthur Reed
Air Correspondent

The United States is well advanced in the development of two types of cruise missiles, those which are air-launched and the ground-launched type which is to be based in Britain.

Tests in the United States have proved that the missiles have pinpoint accuracy over ranges as great as 1,500 miles. Their microelectronic guidance systems enable them to fly at very low level beneath defensive radar screens, and their navigation systems compare the terrain over which the missile flies with maps stored in their computer memories.

Although the 160 cruise missiles to be based in Britain will be stored at air bases at Greenham Common, Berkshire, they would be deployed and fired from remote sites outside the airfields, to which they would be conveyed on launcher vehicles.

The missiles will be housed in purpose-built shelters at their two British bases. The shelters will be covered with grass as camouflage to attempt to meet local environmental objections. About 1,500 additional United States Air Force personnel will be drafted to Greenham Common, and 650 additional personnel at Molesworth, to supervise them.

The Ministry of Defence has estimated that the basing of the missiles in Britain will bring a total income of £2.5m a year to the local economy.

In time of war or of international tension, the missiles would be moved out of their bases to their surrounding launching sites, all of which are to be kept secret for obvious reasons of security.

Firing of the missiles could take place only with political authority under the same arrangements which apply to nuclear weapons systems based in Britain.

Greenham Common and Molesworth are to be reassured

by the Ministry of Defence that there would be no danger of a nuclear explosion if a missile crashed soon after launch as the warhead would be armed only when it was within a short distance of its target.

Greenham Common and Molesworth were chosen because they are both USAF bases with spare capacity. Existing active USAF bases in Britain were rejected as they carry a heavy load of aircraft movements.

Decision surprise: The Government's decision to site the cruise missiles at two minor English bases was greeted with some surprise by an East Anglian group of protesters (Lucy Hodges writes).

Mrs Susan Spiller, acting secretary of the East Anglia Against the Missiles group, an umbrella organization representing about a hundred small groups, said it showed the Government had taken note of their protests and decided against putting the missiles at the Lakenheath USAF base in

Suffolk or at Upper Oxfordshire. The group thought those big sites the most likely sites.

"But it makes no sense to the real issue is the cruise missile," she said. "Out confirmed that they carrying on the fight in any groups I spring up around it or Greenham Common."

The Campaign for Disarmament called it a potential disaster whole of the British showed a serious nuclear arms race, the surrender to States of British sovereignty of freedom of action, policy, it said.

"It makes us already hosts to a single concentration can nuclear fire power America's number one base, and consequently Russians' number one nuclear strike," it said.

AUEW pledges opposition to change in electing Labour leader

By Donald MacIntyre
Labour Reporter

The future of the findings by the Labour Party commission of inquiry was thrown into further doubt yesterday when the leaders of Britain's second biggest union stood by their policy of opposition to any change in the way the party leader is elected.

Mr Terence Duffy, president of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers and one of the commission's members, made it clear that he expected the union to cast its 880,000-strong block vote not only against mandatory submission for reselection of MPs but for the status quo on the leadership issue and for the traditional method of drafting the manifesto.

Mr Duffy, one of Mr James Callaghan's staunchest trade union supporters, had said that the union's Labour Party delegation would be bound by this year's decision of the AUEW's policy-making national committee to vote against mandatory reselection by general management committees.

His seven-man executive yesterday took that a significant vote further. With Mr Duffy's approval, and in terms which came close to brushing aside the inquiry findings, they unanimously reaffirmed the union's existing policy in favour of the constitutional position before last year's party conference.

The move suggests that the weekend's compromise, centred on an electoral college, playing its part both in the election of the leader and the drafting of the manifesto, and widely reported to be under attack from the left wing, will come under growing pressure from the right as well.

Mr Duffy said after yesterday's regular weekly meeting of his executive: "We believe that we have made the right decision. I hope it will influence other unions as well but we shall have to see."

Mr Duffy won the full approval of the executive for his action at the weekend in voting with the majority on the commission in favour of the electoral college plan. He

reminded reporters that he had voted originally with Mr Callaghan and Mr Michael Foot in favour of the status quo on the party leadership and had then supported what was the more moderate of the two available options.

Mr Duffy added: "It is impossible for us to back the recommendations of the inquiry. Our union has already made its policy and did so before the commission reported. It is not we who make the policy, but our national committee."

Mr Duffy repeated that he did not believe that most people wanted either mandatory reselection or any change in the method of electing the leader.

Election of the leader by the parliamentary party had produced the "right man for the job" in Mr Callaghan and in his predecessors.

"Why should we change the system?" Mr Duffy asked.

Sir John Boyd, the union's general secretary, said he thought it far to early to predict what the final outcome might be at this year's Labour Party conference.

Tories opt for short, sharp party political broadcasts

By Ian Bradley

True to its philosophy of the short, sharp shock, the Conservative Party will tonight give the British public the first five-minute party political broadcast on television by a large party.

Until this year, the three large parties have been allowed only ten minute broadcasts. But under new arrangements negotiated in January they are now allowed to split one of their broadcasts into two five-minute slots.

Tonight's broadcast will also uphold another Tory principle, that of freedom of choice. It will go out at different times

on all three channels, allowing those who do not find party political broadcasts compulsory viewing ample opportunity to miss it.

The ending of simultaneous broadcasting was another innovation agreed this year. Although it has been estimated that the overall audience by 25 per cent, or around six million, Conservative Party research suggests that it increases the appreciation of those who do watch.

Lord Thorpe, chairman of the Conservative Party, said yesterday that he believed the five-minute broadcast was a big step forward that would intrude much less on normal viewing habits.

Labour drops fee penal for independent schools

By Diana Geddes
Education Correspondent

The Labour Party is to abandon its proposal to impose full-cost fees on independent schools for their university education, and to deny them the normal mandatory student grant.

An overwhelming majority of the education and science sub-committee of the national executive's home policy committee expressed strong opposition to that proposal when it was discussed, along with other proposals to penalise independent schools at a meeting of the subcommittee on Monday night. It will therefore be dropped

from the report on independent schools which is expected to be submitted next week to the committee on July 2.

The idea of full-cost put forward by an independent school, the National Association of Schoolmasters, was rejected by the subcommittee. Mr Neil Kinnock, the national spokesman, said: "Other proposals, favouring most independent schools, including independent school tuition fees of up to £1,000 at the public expense, removing charitable status from independent schools."

Grant cuts affect poor families

By Pat Healy
Social Services Correspondent

Thousands of poor families will be denied grants to buy essential clothing and shoes for their children under draft regulations made available to The Times last night.

They are expected to be laid before Parliament in July, and appear to be more strict than was indicated to MPs when the Social Security Act 1980 was in committee in the Commons.

An early-day motion criticising the Government's delay in publishing the regulations, which define the rules for the reform of the supplementary benefits scheme, is being tabled by Miss Josephine Richardson, Labour MP for Barking.

The draft regulations appeared to be "hard and dangerous" and made stronger the case for publishing the secret guidelines to benefit officers, she said.

Miss Ruth Lister, director of the Child Poverty Action Group, said last night that the draft regulations contradicted ministerial statements that they would simply codify existing practice.

A code on clothing and footwear grants made it clear that claimants who had lived on supplementary benefits for some time and who had dependent children should be given special attention.

The draft regulations, on the other hand, would give a much more restrictive definition of what grants should be made, including a specific exclusion of replacing outworn clothes.

In addition, the residual discretion in making grants would be much tougher than ministers had indicated when the Act was proceeding in Parliament. Families with an urgent need for a clothing grant would be given it only if "in the opinion of a benefit officer, such a payment is the only means by which serious damage or risk to the health, safety or welfare" of the family could be prevented.

"These regulations will hit families with children particularly hard," Miss Lister said. "Families who have to spend long periods on supplementary benefits find it difficult to make ends meet, as has been shown by successive research reports by the Supplementary Benefits Commission itself."

Nurses' strike threat lifted for pay battle

From Annabel Ferriman
Health Service Correspondent

Industrial action is to be considered by the Confederation of Health Service Employees if their nursing members reject the 14 per cent pay offer on which they will ballot next week.

The threat of immediate strike action was lifted yesterday when a motion demanding widespread industrial action was rejected by the union's annual conference for consideration by its executive.

Union delegates, representing 115,000 nurses, overwhelmingly agreed on a ballot of the 850 branches with a recommendation that they reject the offer. Only one delegate opposed that.

A two-hour debate of the 550 delegates was fairly evenly divided between those calling for industrial action, including an all-out strike with only emergency cover provided, and those claiming that industrial action would be counter-productive.

Mr Stanley Milne, secretary of the union, said: "It does not matter what you say to them, they will not strike. It is time for action, but not strike action."

Mrs Thatcher claimed to believe in market forces, he said, but was not ordering them by keeping nurses' pay so low that there was a chronic shortage.

Mr Joe Maguire, from the Oxford branch, said nothing short of a strike with emergency cover would ensure the union's 30 per cent demand.

"We must not just demand ward closures, because if we close them the management will never reopen them."

Mrs Renee Slack, a ward sister from the Essex Vale branch, said that by taking industrial action nurses would be "committing suicide". She added: "Try telling the mother of a dying child you do not want to know. It is not so."

It was necessary to court the sympathy of the public and make them feel sorry for nurses, that had worked in 1974 and resulted in the Harebury report, which had recommended substantial pay increases, she said.

Mrs Eileen Oxley, a delegate from Warrington, said that the winter of discontent had led to many nurses leaving unions to avoid striking. "It does not matter what you say to them, they will not strike. It is time for action, but not strike action."

Weather forecast and recordings

13° to 16°C (55° to 61°F). N Ireland: Mostly cloudy, occasional showers; wind W light; max temp 15° to 17°C (59° to 63°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Continuing changeable and generally rather cool.

Channel Islands: Perhaps rain early then scattered showers and sunny intervals; Wind mostly W to NW light; max temp 15° to 18°C (59° to 64°F).

SW England & Wales: Perhaps rain early and late, mostly scattered showers and sunny intervals; wind NW to W light to moderate; max temp 15° to 18°C (59° to 64°F).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Glasgow, Aberdeen, Moray Firth, central Highlands, SW Scotland: Occasional showers, locally heavy; wind variable, mostly W light; max temp 13° to 15°C (55° to 59°F).

Sea passages: 5 North Sea: Wind S light backing E, fresh then NW, moderate; sea slight or moderate.

Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind SW light backing SE and increasing fresh, becoming cyclonic for a time then NW strong, decreasing fresh; sea moderate becoming rough for a time.

St George's Channel: Wind NW fresh, occasionally strong, decreasing moderate then backing SW and increasing fresh; sea moderate.

Irish Sea: Wind variable light becoming W, mainly moderate; sea slight.

At the resorts

24 hours to 6 pm June

Resort	Sun	Rain	Temp
East Coast	5.3	20.10	19
Scarborough	5.3	20.10	19
Whitby	5.3	20.10	19
North Coast	5.3	20.10	19
Blackpool	5.3	20.10	19
W Coast	5.3	20.10	19
Cardiff	5.3	20.10	19
London	5.3	20.10	19
Manchester	5.3	20.10	19
Birmingham	5.3	20.10	19
Edinburgh	5.3	20.10	19
Glasgow	5.3	20.10	19
Newcastle	5.3	20.10	19
Sheffield	5.3	20.10	19
Leeds	5.3	20.10	19
Nottingham	5.3	20.10	19
Coventry	5.3	20.10	19
Bristol	5.3	20.10	19
Belfast	5.3	20.10	19
Cardiff	5.3	20.10	19
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Newcastle	5.3	20.10	19
Sheffield	5.3	20.10	19
Leeds	5.3	20.10	19
Nottingham	5.3	20.10	19
Coventry	5.3	20.10	19
Bristol	5.3	20.10	19
Belfast	5.3	20.10	19

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Charity board critical of RSPCA role in general election

By Frances Gibb

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was criticised by the Charity Commissioners yesterday for undertaking improper political activities during the general election.

In their annual report for 1979, published yesterday, the commissioners say the RSPCA sponsored an advertisement in several national newspapers and magazines through a body called the General Election Coordinating Committee for Animal Protection.

The advertisement urged the public to write to MPs and to lobby candidates to seek their views on animal welfare, attend political meetings, put forward their views, find out where the local party stood in that respect and make their views known through the ballot box.

The RSPCA, the commissioners say, exists to promote kindness and prevent or suppress cruelty to animals. It has the power to arrange for the proper conduct of educational and parliamentary activities in furtherance of those objects.

Whilst it is in our opinion, open to the RSPCA to press for legislation to prevent cruelty to animals, we took the view that it was improper for them to support a direct attempt to influence voters.

The RSPCA had acted on legal advice, but that advice had not taken adequate account of the commissioners' guidelines on such activities. It had since agreed with the commissioners' view and said it would seek guidance in future cases.

The case was one of several that came to the commissioners' notice in its review of charities' political activities, to determine whether they had overstepped

the mark of what is permissible in law.

In another case, they looked at a letter sent by the Howard League for Penal Reform about a forthcoming debate in the House of Commons on the death penalty. The fact that the league was seeking to persuade MPs not to change the law did not make the action any less political, the commissioners said.

But the commissioners conclude that the courts never said that no political activity might be carried out by a charity. The question was whether the activity was ancillary to the promotion of a charitable purpose. In the case of the Howard League, the political action was of that nature.

During the year the number of complaints about charities was small, the commissioners say. In rare cases where property of a charity has been lost, trustees may be considered liable and have to make good that loss or part of it.

When such cases do occur, it is often because trustees have allowed one of their number, or a charity officer, to assume effective control, either because he had a dominating personality, or because they had complete faith in his honesty, or both.

Such trustees run a grave personal risk themselves, and put temptation in the way of the individual concerned, particularly if he is faced with personal financial difficulties.

During the year, the commissioners registered 3,259 organisations which applied for charitable status. Several were for the relief and prevention of poverty caused by unemployment.

Report of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales for the year 1979, HMSO £2.50.

Wider powers urged for the police in demonstrations

By Christopher Warman

The police should be given wider powers to disperse disorderly gatherings, the Greater London Council recommends in a submission to the Government.

It is one of a series of proposals for tougher controls to combat violence at protest marches, demonstrations and meetings.

In response to a Green Paper reviewing the Public Order Act, 1936, the GLC calls for a police code of conduct to be drawn up and for the police to be given powers to disperse demonstrations.

The police should consult the council on marches in London, it says.

Powers governing the direction or banning of marches should be extended to other protest gatherings such as demonstrations and meetings. In addition, three days' notice should be given to the police of a march or procession, but there should be provision for spontaneous protest demonstrations.

Young soldier dies in pistol incident in guardroom

From Christopher Thomas

A teenage soldier who was too young to be allowed on the streets of Ulster died in a guardroom incident in London yesterday.

Fusilier George Foxall died from a Verex pistol, a signalling gun which fires a flare. Police said a number of soldiers were in the guardroom at Magilligan Camp cleaning weapons when the pistol discharged, and he was hit in the neck. Investigations were continuing.

Fusilier Foxall, from Birmingham, was just over the minimum age of 17, at which a soldier is allowed to be posted to Northern Ireland. He would not have been allowed on operational duties until he was 18 in a few months.

He was a member of the 2nd Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, which arrived in Ulster on an 18-month tour in November.

The cause of the death was not clear. The incident occurred yesterday by 10 box car bombs. Intense police and army activity took place from lunchtime until the beginning of the evening rush hour as the cars were discovered, forcing the police to seal off several main roads and set up diversions.

Urgent military retraining on new maps needed

By Pearce Wright

A large number of soldiers will be going back to school soon for a refresher course in map reading. The matter is rather urgent since the Military Survey is turning out many new types of map to which few officers are accustomed.

They are for commanders who need to know how to use earth-orbiting satellites and electronic measuring aids, rather than taking a compass bearing on the nearest church spire, to determine their whereabouts.

Training will be given at a new school of Military Survey at Hermitage, near Newbury, which the Queen will open later this month. A preview was provided yesterday of some of the instruments developed for field survey work, photography and air survey, computing and cartography. The operation produces five

million maps a year for the Armed Services.

Historically the Royal Engineers started mapmaking after disasters to companies of soldiers in the Highlands in the Jacobite rebellion.

The requirement for greatly improved precision came because of the needs of weapons systems such as strategic aircraft, submarines and cruise missiles. Until recently the launch position and weapon orientation of some of those had not been known with sufficient accuracy to make effective use of their capabilities.

Major-General E. W. Barton, Director of Military Survey, said that in the past 25 years surveying techniques had changed from measuring distances with steel tapes to measuring with microwaves and lasers at the flick of a switch, to the measurement of the shape of the earth by satellites, through advanced photogrammetry to the use of multi-spectral satellite photographs that showed

Censorship denied in D-notice system

By Peter Hennessy

Mr Windsor Clarke, group editorial consultant to the Westminster Press and vice-chairman of the Defence, Press and Broadcasting Committee, told MPs yesterday that some fellow journalists, in a semi-serious vein, had accused him of being "an Uncle Tom" for leading the press side of the body, which supervises the system of voluntary self-censorship on defence and intelligence.

He told the Commons Select Committee on Defence, which is examining the content and application of the 12 D notices, that the system could be discredited within a year if sufficient journalists set out to criticise it. That was most unlikely, as the arrangement enjoyed wide support in the press.

American journalists did not understand the system and did not want it for themselves. European and Japanese journalists with whom he had talked, envied it and wished they had a system of advice like that provided by the secretary of the D-notice committee.

He defended the nomination of press members to the committee by bodies like the Newspaper Society and the Newspaper Publishers Association, with 73,300 for the same last year. By the end of the summer, 820,000 youngsters will have left school this year.

With one exception, the press members felt that there was little that could be done to improve the system. Although he did not name him, the lone dissenter is Mr David Chipps, Editor in Chief of the Press Association.

Mr Clarke was against a two-tier arrangement for D notices, whereby some would be published but those containing genuinely sensitive material would remain confidential. The notices kept confidential would only add to the impression of misguidance which he suspected the committee of engaging in a cover-up.

The system was preferable to a new, tough secrets law. Mr Clarke, who had sat on the committee for 15 years, said that was a danger that an annual report might breach the confidentiality of editors who sought advice from the committee secretary. A carefully worded description of the system, however, might allay some of the fears that it engaged in censorship.

Rear-Admiral William Ash, secretary of the committee, also expressed doubts about an annual report. It was not the kind of body that lent itself to that form of accountability.

In his first six months in the post, he had dealt with about 30 inquiries, none of which had given him serious trouble. He had suggested a change in wording or that a slightly different line might be taken.

In the past editors who had inadvertently breached a notice had almost always "been helpful and apologetic". He denied that the system smacked of self-censorship and a willingness by the press to accept Whitehall's definition of sensitivity.

£70,000 appeal for village craft workshops

By Arthur Osman

Northamptonshire Rural Community Council is to appeal for £70,000 to build four "nurseries" for small workshops at their headquarters near Northampton, it announced yesterday.

Work should start on the project in September and should be completed by next spring.

It is hoped that the workshops will provide training facilities, including some for traditional crafts, for workers who will return eventually to the villages to establish workshops of their own.

The community council said that in conjunction with the Council for Small Industries in Rural Areas it wanted to encourage industries to be set up in villages and small towns where the difficulties of finding suitable premises were often insurmountable obstacles.

Northampton Development Corporation has promised £10,000 to the appeal which is directed mainly towards industrial premises, but also towards charitable trusts and foundations.

roads, overhead powerlines and other details.

International cooperation was more advanced in survey than in many other fields. In Nato it was the only way the enormous quantities of maps required for the use in peacetime and stockpiled for war, could be produced and kept up to date.

Earth-orbiting navigation satellites enabled a geographic position to be fixed to an accuracy of one to two metres. Electronic distance measurements by microwaves and lasers was possible of such precision that a distance of up to 100 kilometres.

Although the main task of the organisation was to provide geographic support for Nato forces, other survey work was done. A position fix on Rockall, an island in the Atlantic, west of St Kilda, showed that the rock was actually 10 metres out of the position given in an earlier survey. Another example of a satellite fix was for Coedby

Figures show that 108,700 youngsters are out of work and without training help
Bleak and demoralizing step from school to the jobs qu

By Michael Horsnell

Nancy Green, a bright 16-year-old from Stepney, east London, lost her zest for singing and dancing last year even though she had months to practise her chief delights. That was the time she spent "on the dole" after leaving school.

"I spent the time just moping around at home. It was boring and demoralizing—a horrible time. I was permanently broke and I did not know what to do with myself. I applied for job after job and went from interview to interview. But nothing ever happened. People just do not know what it is like."

Nancy is one of 76,500 school-leavers earning £23.50 a week from a place on the Manpower Commission's youth opportunities programme. This provides training courses and work experience for unemployed youngsters.

She is still technically unemployed and she does not know whether her training as a secretary at the Target training workshop in the East End of London will lead to a job when she leaves. But she is one of the lucky ones.

Figures released yesterday show that another 108,700 boys and girls, aged 15 and over, were, and without place yet on the commission's programme.

Swelled by Easter school-leavers, the figure compares with 73,300 for the same last year. By the end of the summer, 820,000 youngsters will have left school this year.



Doran Edwards, aged 17, in a training workshop.

If the current unemployed are added to those on the programme, nearly one in four school-leavers is out of work at any one time. But the bleak picture does not end there. In the 18 to 19 age group there are 136,900 unemployed compared with 117,400 last year, and in the 20 to 24 group,

277,900 compared with 238,200. Of the 1.4 million in Britain unemployed, 30 per cent of men and 50 per cent of women are aged under 24. The figures worry police chiefs as much as they do the Department of Employment. There are no Home Office statistics to support the con-

tention that crime is mainly committed by the unemployed. But inquiries by *The Times* in London, Bristol, Cardiff and Liverpool 1 show that those young people on the unemployment register are responsible for up to 90 per cent of crime committed in their age groups.

Mr Ian Oliver, Chief Constable of Central Scotland and a leading expert on juvenile crime, said: "You do not need to be a genius to know that idle hands end up committing crime. If you get high unemployment of course the crime rate goes up. There is a strong connexion."

Inquiries by *The Times* show that in Liverpool more than 90 per cent of youths coming before magistrates are unemployed, and the probation service said appearances of youths who are employed are rare.

In Bristol, the scene of the recent riot, out of a total of 82 appearances in court No. 1 before the magistrates over three days last week, 38 were by people under 21. Of those, 26 were unemployed, one was on a youth opportunities programme and only three had been in full-time employment since leaving school. Fourteen of the 38 were aged 17.

In Cardiff over these days last week 110 defendants appeared before magistrates. Of those 48 were under 21, and of those only 12 were employed. In London, where unemployment affects only 3.8 per cent of the population compared with 7.6 per cent in Liverpool,

the proportion of committed by unemployed people drops significantly. Monitoring of court dockets last week showed 59 per cent of people appearing were unemployed, but the figure will fall to 31 per cent by next January.

So far seven out of ten places on the youth training programme are on leaving. But S. O'Brien, the chair of the commission, says young people will after completing the training. The statistics tell the story of the 1979-80 year. Miss Penny Jenning, who left school at 15, joined a youth workshop after a year on the unemployment register. "I was genuinely a money but the seemed to think I was."

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Rabies warning to pet smugglers

By Hugh Clayton

Agriculture Correspondent

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Many drivers ignore safety recalls

By Peter Waymark

Motoring Correspondent

Figures issued yesterday by the Department of Transport show that in many car and truck recall campaigns fewer than half the owners affected bothered to take their vehicles into garages for safety checks.

Mr Norman Fowler, the Minister of Transport, said the level of response was worrying. Those who chose not to respond to a recall notice were a potential hazard not only to themselves but to other road users.

The department would continue to monitor all campaigns and where the response was poor, taking further action. Owners of commercial vehicles would run the risk of having their vehicles prohibited from use.

Mr Fowler said that while some defects might look trivial at first glance, recall campaigns were ordered only if a vehicle's safety was involved. He appealed to owners to respond as soon as a recall letter was received.

He went on: "This is not a case of the manufacturer trying to tell the public of a defect. He has made a real attempt to do so. It is the failure of the vehicle owner."

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Among several low response rates noted were those on 65,600 BL Sheri returned for the spring plate; 14,345 Talbot Alti broke hose check out of 23,220 Ford Caparis for a clutch.

Since the introduction of practice calls last July, the 62 campaigns involved 370,000 cars. Mr Fowler said preliminary results showed that 969 of three-wheeled cars made on the chassis programme.

The investigation reports that work done in the mechanism was lost in a way that age brake or fuel.

In most cases present an imminent hazard but 10 badly chafed fuel lines had not been properly fitted supplied.

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Religion no bar to cus of child, court rules

A father's legal fight for his young son rather than let the boy go to his mother, a devout Jehovah's Witness, failed in the High Court yesterday.

The father, a bank clerk aged 30, who lives in Essex, said that the beliefs of the Jehovah Witnesses would be against the best interests of his son, aged five.

He was worried about the sect's refusal to accept blood transfusion or recognize occasions such as Christmas and birthdays, or allow children to take part in school assemblies, Nativity plays and religious education lessons.

He feared his son would be isolated from other children by his mother's religious beliefs.

On undertakings from the boy's mother, aged 26, that she would not observe those religious rules in respect of her son, two Family Division judges ruled that the child should go to her.

Mr Justice Holliday and Mr Justice Sheldon reversed an earlier decision by magistrates that the father was the right person to look after the child.

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Sunshine and showers at Ascot

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holics challenge withdrawal of transport to church schools

Correspondent
The Catholic Church in the Secretary of State for Education and Science to provide transport for children wishing to attend church schools where the minister refuses such a direction, the is to take the county

become a test case authorities who are stopping free transport at church schools could also provide in insight into the for school transport of that part of parents' rights their children to the their choice, as pro- the new Education

ire's education com- ed last week by 15 to confirm its de- ase to provide free for all new pupils Catholic and other schools from April present, about 750 pupils have their fares paid at a cost a year, referring to school is not clear. Section Education Act, 1944,

states that "a local education authority shall make such arrangements for the provision of transport and otherwise as they consider necessary or as the minister may direct for the purpose of facilitating the attendance of pupils at schools... and any transport... shall be provided free of charge". The only enlightenment on that is provided in section 39 which deals with the duty of parents to secure the regular attendance of their children at schools at which they are registered pupils.

Section 39 says that a parent would have a defence against prosecution if he can prove that his child is a registered pupil at a school which is not within walking distance of his home (two miles for primary pupils, and three for secondary pupils) and that no suitable arrangements have been made by the local authority for his transport or to enable him to become a registered pupil at a school nearer to his home. Local authorities, aided by guidance from the Department of Education and Science, have interpreted that to mean that they must provide free transport to the nearest suitable school for children who live beyond the statutory walking

distance, but that they have no such legal obligation to children who choose to attend church schools or other schools farther from their homes.

However, until now, virtually all local authorities, including Oxfordshire, have provided free transport for pupils attending church schools where they live beyond the statutory walking distance from those schools, even though there may be a suitable denominational school nearer to their home.

Canon Peter Reilly, secretary of the Roman Catholic schools commission for the Birmingham diocese, said yesterday that they would be asking the minister to exercise his powers under section 55 of the Act to direct Oxfordshire to provide free transport for pupils at denominational schools.

If he would not do so, then they would make the case to the High Court. The church believed that section 39 placed a duty on local authorities to provide free transport for pupils at denominational schools; and that, when the parental choice clause of the new Act came into force, local authorities would have a duty to provide free transport within reason to any school chosen by parents.

ister pays tribute to ntary-aided education

Education Secretary
Mr Carlisle, Secretary of Education and Science, paid tribute yesterday to voluntary-aided education at a conference in the General Synod of the Education-Diocese of the Church of England. Mr Carlisle said that schools enabled to have their situated in an environment of beliefs and values, those this because of religious beliefs. But others, uncommitted, who value the ex- no doubt that many of an ethical and de in action which at a denominational n provide for their he said. I may say so, many obably feel that your maintain particularly dards. Whatever the on of reasons, it is it the opportunities ois provide are in-

creasingly valued by parents today. He said that the Government had gone to considerable lengths in the Education Act, 1980, to ensure that the position of voluntary schools, in particular their valuable degree of independence from local authority control, was protected.

The new Act ensured that the voluntary interests responsible for aided denominational schools had a clear majority on the school's governing body. It also enabled denominational schools to retain control of their own admissions of pupils, including the annual level of intake, without the possibility of interference by a local authority. At a time of falling pupil rolls, that was a crucial provision which enhanced the opportunities for parents to choose a denominational school for their children, he said. The Act also made it easier for parents to choose a school outside their own local authority area by providing for the automatic recoupment of the cost by the home authority.

'Sus' law reform gives cause for alarm, study says

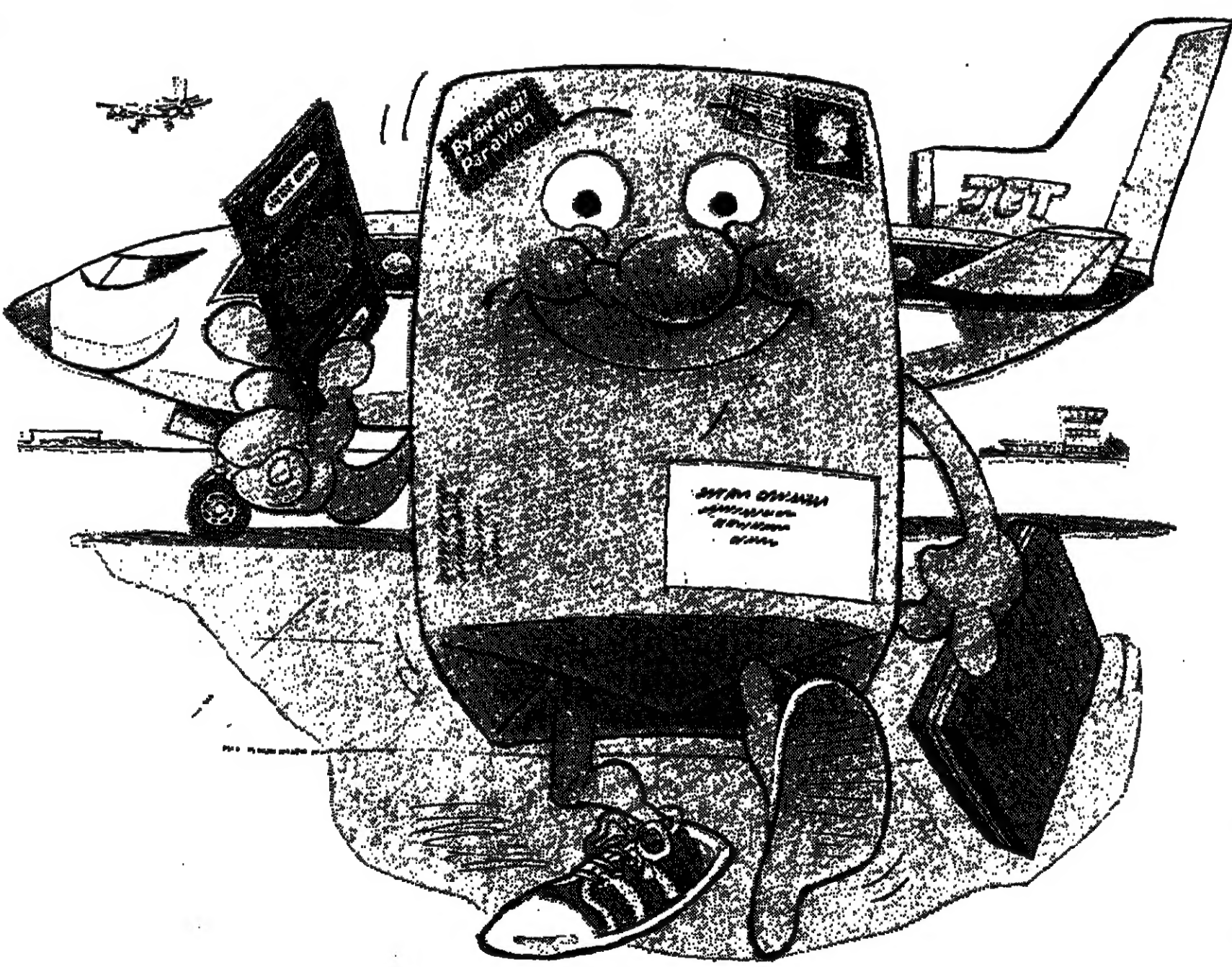
By Our Home Affairs Correspondent
There is a danger that the "sus" law (which allows a suspect to be detained under the Vagrancy Act) will be replaced by new legislation broadening the powers of the police, according to a study of policing in Lambeth, south London, published yesterday. The study, by the All-Lambeth Anti-Racist Movement, says that a departmental working party under the last Labour government was given the task of "putting the offence in modern terms". It recommended that a new law was required to deal with "anti-social behaviour which reveals an intention to commit an offence, but which has not yet reached a stage where it amounts to an attempt to commit that offence". Such new legislation could be an opportunity to create an offence tailor-made for use by the police in inner-city streets, the study says. A Cause for Alarm is available from ALARM, 506 Brixton Road, London SW9 5DP (including 15p postage).

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Casey, the Newcastle Chronicle and Journal Ltd, and Miss Susan Durkan, a reporter, for libel, and Mr Casey for slander. The action arises over a 1973 interview with Mr Casey in the Newcastle Journal and his speech to a Middlesbrough union meeting in 1974. Mr Richard Hartley, QC, Mr Fullam's counsel, said that Mr Fullam left his parish in February 1964, to marry a parishioner in a register office. He was appointed deputy headmaster of the Sacred Heart School, Redcar, in 1973. Mr Hartley had alleged that Mr Casey had conducted a cruel and malicious campaign against Mr Fullam because Mr Joe

Faye, who had been deputy headmaster before the school was reorganized as a comprehensive, had not been appointed. Mr Casey told Mr Hartley that he wanted information about Mr Fullam's past sent through the Catholic Education Council to the governors in the hope that they would give some explanation for not appointing Mr kind. I wanted justice for Faye. Mr Hartley: "You wanted Mr Fullam banned from the job didn't you?" Mr Casey: "I didn't want anything of the kind. I wanted justice for Faye". The hearing was adjourned until today.



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DPP ready to be sued for release of Operation Julie assets

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Reporter

Sir Thomas Hetherington, QC, the Director of Public Prosecutions, yesterday announced that he will not hand back assets seized after the Operation Julie LSD case without a fresh legal battle. Last Thursday the House of Lords ruled that the assets, worth more than £500,000, were seized unlawfully, but made no order for their return.

Making the announcement, a spokesman for the DPP said: "We will wait to see if we are sued." Legal advisers for the three defendants who appealed to the Lords have indicated that they will consider issuing a writ if the assets are not returned.

Sir Thomas made his decision after a conference on Monday evening with Sir Michael Havers, QC, the Attorney General. The argument behind the refusal seems to be that since the Lords made no order there is no compulsion to return the assets, and the defendants will have to sue in the civil courts.

Inland Revenue representatives were present at the meeting on Monday and that may give some indication of the way the DPP intends to block handing back the assets. There are

reports that the Inland Revenue is considering prosecutions for tax offences. If that is decided the DPP could claim he is holding the assets pending further proceedings. Such proceedings and conviction could lead to heavy fines.

The successful use of that tactic but also the need for fresh legislation to block the DPP might not only save the feature in conspiracy bases loophole in the law on forthrightly by last week's judgment.

The assets at issue in the Operation Julie case, tried at Bristol by Mr Justice Park, amount to between £500,000 and £750,000.

Most of that belonged to Mr Henry Todd and Mr Brian Cuthbertson who were the organizers of an LSD laboratory in Hampton Wick, London.

Shares, gold and currency were stored in Swiss bank accounts and have been seized by the Swiss under local legislation. The assets held by the DPP and Wiltshire Police, headquarters for Operation Julie, amount to £100,000 in cash, plus goods.

Should those eventually be returned there may be a claim for legal costs, since those costs were met from public funds.

Trimming of Civil Service hierarchy grades sought

By Peter Hennessey

The Government is to review the length of the Civil Service hierarchy to see if grades can be abolished, changed or put to better use as a result of a suggestion from Sir Derek Rayner, joint managing director of Marks and Spencer, and the Prime Minister's adviser on the elimination of government waste.

Pilot studies are to be undertaken in the schools division of the Department of Education and Science, the housing, water and central finance directorates of the Department of the Environment, an international division of the Customs and Excise, a disablement division of the Department of Health and Social Security, and an unemployment benefit office of the Department of Employment.

A regional office of the Departments of Trade and of Industry will also be examined. Separate studies will be made of the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Centre of the Department of Transport at Swansea and the

office of the Department of National Savings at Lytham. Main studies, drawing lessons from the pilot operations, will be started in the late summer or early autumn, according to a letter from the Civil Service Department to Civil Service unions.

Writing to Mr William Kendall, secretary general of the Council of Civil Service Unions, Mr Sandy Russell, a Civil Service Department under-secretary, asks the unions to submit their views and says the studies "will need to be as soundly based and as representative as possible".

He continues: "In each case the work-flow will be carefully examined and the value added by each level in the hierarchy assessed. The aim will be to draw out from these studies general lessons on whether, and if so how, the number of levels in the hierarchy can be reduced so that work is undertaken more efficiently and communications between different levels in the chain of command speeded up and improved."

Increase in judges planned after 600 sittings were lost last year.

More courts open to cut custodial remands

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

Twenty-three new crown courts, built in the past 18 months, will have opened by the end of the year in London and the South-east as part of an attempt to reduce the length of time people are being held in custody on remand.

The total number of crown courts will have increased by a further 27 by the end of 1982. This year as many as 56 judges are transferring to the South-east from other circuits, to sit for about a month each. Several appointments of circuit judges in London and the South-east have also been made, the Lord Chancellor's Office said.

The need for action became urgent when more than 600 court days were lost last year because there were not enough judges to sit in the South-east, that figure is expected to drop this year. There would have been even greater difficulties last year had it not been possible to call on recorders and deputy circuit judges.

Mr Robert Kilroy-Silk, MP, chairman of the All Party Penal Affairs Group, has written to Mr William Whitelaw, the Home Secretary, calling for

an urgent review of the custody of people on remand for long periods, in several cases for more than a year. In London, there are more than 9,000 cases awaiting trial, for the rest of the South-east the number is 6,000.

Increased pressure was put on the court system and on prison accommodation by the increase between 1978 and 1979 in the average time spent between commitment by magistrates and trial. In England and Wales it rose from 14 weeks to 17.2, in the South-east from 17.6 to 21.9 and in London from 26 to 32.9.

The average waiting time from commitment to trial throughout England and Wales in March was 11.1 weeks for those in custody and 19 for those on bail. Figures for the South-east were 13.6 in custody and 27.1 weeks on bail. In London people in custody had to wait 18.6 weeks and those on bail 32.9 weeks.

Those figures include some of the more lengthy case histories quoted by Mr Kilroy-Silk, which include 566 days spent on remand in Brixton prison by a man charged with conspiring to rob and unlawful possession of an offensive weapon.

Apart from providing more courts and judges, attempts are being made to shorten the length of trials, through making more use of pre-trial procedures, more selective charging of defendants, and urging judges and barristers to be less verbose.

Mr Kilroy-Silk says 900 people were first received into custody on remand more than 110 days before trial. In Scotland section 43 of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1987, provides that once a person has been fully committed for trial, he must be brought to trial within 110 days and his trial concluded within that period, unless he is released from custody.

If those limits are not kept, he must be released and declared free from all process for the crime with which he is charged. The only exceptions are delay caused by illness of the accused, illness or absence of an essential witness, or any sufficient reason for which the prosecutor is not responsible. The 110-day period can be extended at the request of the defence.

The National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders (Nacro) says that the ruling is strictly enforced,

placing a great deal of pressure on the prosecutor to ensure that proceedings are brought expeditiously.

Nacro recommends that a similar provision be introduced into the law of England and Wales, and says that the Home Office should set up a working party to conduct "an urgent review of the factors affecting time spent awaiting trial or sentence".

The Home Office says that the average weekly cost in the financial year 1978-79 of keeping a man in a local prison or remand centre was £104; the cost for a woman was £140.

One of the more absurd statistics is that 29.1 per cent of offenders committed in custody by magistrates to the Crown Court are given a non-custodial sentence.

Reasons given for the greater difficulties faced by the South-east include fewer guilty pleas, possibly because London criminals know that about 40 per cent of those who plead not guilty in the South-east are acquitted.

One reason given yesterday for the high rate of acquittals was greater scrutiny shown towards police evidence following publicity about corruption cases.

Four airlines will compete on London-Hongkong route

By Our Air Correspondent

Four airlines are to be allowed to compete on the London-Hongkong route under an "open skies" policy announced in the Commons yesterday by Mr John Nott, Secretary of State for Trade.

Mr Nott altered a decision announced in March by the Civil Aviation Authority to allow only British Caledonian Airways to compete with British Airways, the established airline on the route by giving permission to both Cathay Pacific and Laker Airways to open services.

Cathay, a British-owned airline in which British Airways has a 15 per cent interest, but which is based in Hongkong, has been backed by intense political and economic pressure from the colony in its attempt to gain a share of the route.

Cathay said yesterday it intends to start its service on July 17, while British Caledonian will follow two weeks later.

Laker Airways will begin on September 1 as part of Sir Freddie Laker's long-term plan to operate a Skytrain service around the world, although the airline will have to obtain per-

mission from the licensing board in Hongkong first.

"I think I have a million pound winner," Sir Freddie said from Ascot yesterday.

In a fierce response to the minister's decision, Mr Adam Thomson, chairman of British Caledonian, said last night that his airline would certainly operate on the route, "the most important which has ever been awarded to an independent airline", even in its emasculated form.

It would start with four services a week and would apply for daily service rights. It would offer the lowest fare, at £100 single, and it would ask Mr Nott to look closely at Cathay's close ties with British Airways, including BA's 15 per cent shareholding, its place on the Cathay board, and the strong commercial agreement between the two airlines.

"We won the route fairly and squarely from both British and Hongkong licensing authorities, and we did not expect a reversal of that decision," Mr Thomson said.

We have allocated two DC10s to the route at a cost of £20m each, and crew training has already begun."



Man to be charged after six-hour hostel siege

From Our Correspondent Nottingham

Police said yesterday that a man would be charged today following the six-hour siege at a house in Waterloo Crescent, Nottingham.

More than 30 officers surrounded the house, the Macedonian Christian Centre, a charity hostel. A shot was fired and Detective Constable Keith White, aged 39, was injured. He was taken to hospital but was discharged after treatment.

Mr John Charles, aged 25, a transport manager who has lived at the hostel these two weeks, said he was awakened by a bang at about 3.30 am. Later, when he looked out of a rear window and saw a police officer armed with a rifle

crouching by a gate, he realised something was wrong.

"I got dressed and went round knocking on all the doors of other rooms waking the others up. I then telephoned the police to tell them that all the others were accounted for and they gave me instructions on how we should get out of the building."

Mr Charles and six other residents gathered on the landing and were able to walk out of the front door while covered by police marksmen.

About 30 police from the Special Operations Unit were used. Armed with handguns and rifles, police marksmen took up positions behind trees and bushes which surround the hostel.

Woman taken to hospital after bungalow deaths

From Our Correspondent Llandudno

Detectives are waiting to question a woman aged 57 whom they believe may be able to help their inquiries into the fatal shooting of a man and wife at an isolated bungalow at Pantperthog, Gwynedd.

The dead couple were: Mr Roger Hartland, aged 47, a former subpostmaster, and his wife, Josie, aged 33, who had lived in the bungalow for about two years. After the incident late on Monday the woman was taken 50 miles to hospital at Bangor, apparently suffering from an overdose. Last night she was "progressing".

Her husband went to Dolgellau police headquarters to assist detectives. The couple had been living in the Machynlleth area but it is understood they had owned the bungalow before emigrating to Australia.

Post-mortem examinations were conducted at Bangor yesterday by Dr Donald Wayne, a Home Office pathologist. One theory being investigated is a possible dispute over possession of the bungalow. Police have taken possession of a 12-bore shotgun.

More freedom is demanded by country group

By Our Planning Reporter

A demand for greater independence from government is made by the Countryside Commission in its annual report published yesterday.

"The fact that our staff are civil servants drawn mainly from the Department of the Environment, whose Permanent Secretary is also our accounting officer, can lead to the assumption that we should act as though we were part of a government department."

"The fact is that we are not a government department. We are an independent statutory agency."

"We seek to clarify our independence; to appoint our own staff; to manage and be accountable for the Treasury resources allocated to us."

WEST EUROPE

More French barriers on lamb imports anger EEC partner

From Michael Hornsby
Luxembourg, June 17

France was criticized today for violating still further its restrictions on imports of lamb despite the agreement reached by the EC last month at French bidding, on a new system of support for Community sheep farmers.

At the beginning of this month the French announced that, in addition to the total ban on lamb imports from Britain, they were also cutting back imports from Belgium, Holland, West Germany and Ireland to 70 per cent of the tonnage imported in May.

At today's meeting here of EEC Agriculture Ministers, vigorous protests were voiced by the Germans and the Dutch, who described the French move as a violation of the Community's free trade rules. Mr Finn Olav Gundelach, the EEC Commissioner for Agriculture, said he was "very disappointed".

Walker, the British Agriculture Minister, sarcastically offered to act as a "consultant adviser" to his Dutch and German colleagues on how to deal with the French, while Mr Ray MacSharry, the Irish Minister, diplomatically held his peace.

Mr MacSharry had earlier had a private meeting with M Pierre Mehaengne, his French counterpart, at which the two men were widely suspected of having done a bilateral deal on Irish access to the French lamb market.

Defending the French curbs, M Mehaengne claimed that the French market had been flooded by "back door" lamb imports from East European countries through other EEC countries. This, coupled with climatic factors, had reduced market prices by 15 per cent.

The French Minister attributed the "administrative delays" in issuing import

licences to the checks out by customs officials of lamb imports.

Mr Gundelach was pressed by this explanation did not think the on the French market nor did he know evidence for diversification of European lamb. He pressing the French to draw their curbs.

It is presumed that restrictions will be the new sheepmeat comes into force.

A special committee with the New Zealand which they are being excepted voluntary re their exports of lamb EEC (mainly to Britain for a reduction per cent Community tariff).

Mr Gundelach is visit New Zealand conclude these negotiations will also take up proposals on the lamb butter export EEC after the end of the year.

Mr Gundelach's in quota this year tonnes, but no any yet been agreed for years. Mr Walker, leaguely agreed to a special committee officials to look into the Commission suggested that the ter imports from should be reduced to 70 per cent of the volume. This would half the volume.

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Schmidt call for limit on payments to EEC

Bonn, June 17.—Herr Helmut Schmidt, the Chancellor of West Germany, gave warning today that a limit might have to be imposed on member countries, payments to the EEC if the Community failed to ensure a balanced budgetary system.

In a speech to the Bundestag he said West Germany would not support another compromise like last month's Brussels agreement on reducing Britain's budget payments.

To applause from deputies, Mr Schmidt said he had made it plain at the EEC summit in Venice last week that there were limits to the financial burden which West Germany would shoulder.

If projected changes in the budget system failed to stop countries facing unacceptable net payments, "the question will arise whether an overall upper limit should not be set for a member country's net burden," he said.

"In Venice I found quite some understanding for this attitude, which incidentally is taken not only by the federal government."

Mr Schmidt said the question would also arise of whether a limit should not be imposed on countries' net receipts.

He did not identify the countries that sympathized with

Bonn's view but he early referred to France, which he the other net countries.

The Chancellor's the Brussels committee necessary so that a could help safeguard a time of international

Mr Schmidt said many insisted the income should be limits calculated of 1 per cent of revenues from value added tax.

"This means the farm spending much or it will soon the community's entire income is lost."

The Chancellor, a session marking seventh anniversary uprising in E repeated an earlier the budget imbalance resolved by 1982 majority also saw Greece.

Portugal's future members, b Mr Schmidt did President Giscard suggestion that Portuguese member 1982, might be del that the community had overcome strains.—Reuters.

Leading in

Big strikes 'shook Sweden'

Paris, June 17.—King Carl Gustaf of Sweden conceded today that his country's image as a model of social stability and peaceful labour relations had been badly shaken by the recent big strikes.

The King, speaking at a lunch given by M Raymond Barre, the Prime Minister, at the Foreign Ministry said he would like to think that the strikes and their settlement were the exception proving the rule that both sides could reach agreement without too violent a conflict.

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From Our Own Cor Paris, June 17.

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Dutch find it difficult to select Jenkins successor

From Robert Schull Amsterdam, June 17

A large majority in the Lower House of the Dutch Parliament, including the ruling Christian Democrats who are the senior partners in the centre-right coalition with the conservative Liberals, want the next president of the European Commission to be a Dutchman.

There is considerable anger at the Government for having let the presidency slip through its fingers after it was offered to The Netherlands as one MP put it practically on a silver platter at last week's European summit in Venice.

Before going to Venice, Mr Andries van Agt, the Prime Minister, had indicated that it had not been possible to find a suitable Dutch candidate for the presidency of the Commission to replace Mr Roy Jenkins who steps down at the beginning of next year. It is the turn of the Benelux countries to provide the next president.

Dutch candidates who refused to be considered for the post were reported to have been Mr Hareld Biesheuvel, a former prime minister and one of the "wise men" who reported on the functioning of the Community's institutions, and

Mr Jelle Zijlstra, the Central Bank Netherlands and former prime mini are Christian Democ

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former Labour don orment of Mr Jo But Mr van Agt reituss the matter wid beyond saying that berg had not been as a candidate by Government.

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OVERSEAS

Mr Lule says he will not meet Uganda's conditions for return

From Charles Harrison
Nairobi, June 17

Mr Yusef Lule, who was President of Uganda for 68 days last year, was unable to return to Uganda as he had planned today. Speaking to journalists at Nairobi airport, he said he was unable to meet the conditions which the ruling Military Commission in Uganda had laid down for his return.

He said Mr Paulo Mwangi, chairman of the commission, wanted him to deny statements which he had made after he was ousted last year, and to disown statements made by Ugandan politicians who supported him.

"If I renounced those statements, it would mean I approve of the present policies of Tanzania in Uganda — and I don't," he said.

Mr Lule had been waiting at the airport for a statement by Kampala that he could return. Earlier, Mr Mwangi said in the capital that Mr Lule did not need permission to fly back. But he said the commission had rejected requests that everyone accompanying Mr Lule would be immune from arrest.

Kampala was seething with excitement as thousands of people thronged the route along which Mr Lule was to have travelled from Entebbe airport. Celebrations in advance of his arrival had begun at the weekend — with members of the Baganda tribe in particular making no secret of their support for Mr Lule — and continued in spite of the reported killing of more than 20 Lule supporters by soldiers.

Business in the Ugandan capital came to a virtual halt today as workers left their posts to join the crowds which gathered to welcome Mr Lule. He was to have travelled from Entebbe airport to the Anglican Cathedral at Namirembe, before addressing a rally of his Democratic Party in Kampala.

When the time for his arrival passed, some of the crowd dispersed, but others remained as conflicting rumours about the reasons for his ouster in the city. Radio Uganda had announced the timetable for Mr Lule's return today, but had not added that he was still waiting in Nairobi.

He said here that he was returning to Uganda as a citizen, as a former president, and as a member of the Democratic Party. There is no doubt, however, that he expects to be chosen as his party's candidate for the Ugandan presidency at the party's conference in Kampala on Thursday. He said he had started arriving for the conference.

Mr Lule told *The Times* here yesterday that he had requested assurances from Kampala on his safety in Uganda, and had asked for permission to return. He said: "I did not leave the country voluntarily (last year), and I must get clearance to go back."

Today, after considering statements by Mr Mwangi, he said he thought that President Nyerere of Tanzania had instructed Mr Mwangi to lay down preconditions which he (Mr Lule) could not meet.

He expressed concern at the effect these events would have on the people waiting in Uganda for his return. "I hope there will not be bloodshed," he said.

After Mr Lule was ousted last year there were riots and business came almost to a halt in and around Kampala. Demonstrators erected roadblocks and markets were empty because no supplies were taken from the countryside to Kampala.

Last year's demonstrations were mainly in the area of the former Kingdom of Buganda, which has a population of about three million, a quarter of the country's total.

The Military Commission in Uganda today gave the first news that Mr Lule was being held. It announced that he was "safe and in good health". Living in a furnished house with servants and security guards.

The announcement did not disclose where Mr Binaisa is being held, but said he could receive visitors, including members of his family, could change his food, and had access to reading matter, radio and television.

The announcement, broadcast by Radio Uganda, said Mr Binaisa was being held until allegations of his involvement in illegal monetary transactions and other irregularities had been investigated. If he was cleared, he would be able to contest the elections due later this year, the radio added.

Three political parties are now campaigning hard for the elections: The Uganda People's Congress, led by Dr Milton Obote, the former President, who was ousted in 1972; the Democratic Party, whose acting chairman is Mr Paul Ssemogerere, a veteran politician; and the newly-formed Uganda Patriotic Movement, led by Mr Yoweri Museveni, who was ousted from power by the ruling Military Commission.

Husain visit is not seen as entry to Camp David

From Patrick Brogan
Washington, June 17

King Hussein of Jordan arrived at the White House this morning for talks with President Carter that officials here insist will not lead to Jordan participating in the Palestinian autonomy talks.

Mr Carter said last week that he will use all the power of persuasion he has to induce King Hussein to take part in the peace process, but officials say that they do not expect any startling breakthrough this week.

King Hussein used to come to Washington every year, a habit that was broken when President Sadat of Egypt went to Israel and signed the peace treaty with Israel. Despite strong American pressure, Jordan has refused to support the treaty, or to take the place reserved to it in the Camp David agreements on the negotiations for Palestinian autonomy.

The King was welcomed by the President with full honours on the south lawn of the White House. In short speeches, both men mentioned differences between the two governments and said that they shared a firm commitment to peace.

President Carter said: "As is the case with free, independent nations, there are sometimes some differences of approach about how to deal with tense crises." He went on to say that American differences with Jordan were not over objectives, but over the best route to peace.

King Hussein said "there is much we share and regardless of differences of outlook and approach, we are trying to achieve the same objectives. We do believe that there is a firm commitment on the part of both our governments to resolve the problems" if the Middle East.

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French cooperation over New Hebrides

From Ian Murray
Paris, June 17

France has decided off to the sending troops to the New Hebrides, a "regrettable mission," and to work towards a negotiated settlement of the problems of the islands by the independence date.

Mr Paul Dijoud, Minister responsible for overseas territories, said a briefing exclusively for British press that "great hopes" that the islands would not be way to force a settlement since they were islands France embarrassed Britain on their withdrawal morally they should be sent against France.

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Nothing that has happened since then can have changed his mind. In the same interview, he called on the European nations to pursue the idea of amending United Nations Resolution 242 to give room for the Palestinians' right to self-determination, though not as far as he wanted and would not encourage him to change his opposition to the Camp David formula.

The autonomy negotiations between Israel, Egypt and the United States, which should have been concluded by May 26, were adjourned by the Egyptians shortly before the deadline, on the ground that Israel was negotiating in bad faith.

Egyptians and Israeli negotiators are coming here early next month in an attempt to get the talks restarted. The State Department spokesman said yesterday that "there is no-one in this town who expects Jordan to join the Camp David process, as a result of this visit."

He said the talks between King Hussein and American officials would be a full exchange of views, not just on Camp David, and in his welcoming remarks President Carter mentioned wider political and strategic problems facing the region.

The United States has supplied Jordan with arms over the years though not on so lavish a scale as Egypt and Saudi Arabia. It is expected that King Hussein will raise the matter, again facing America with the dilemma of whether to supply countries still hostile to Israel with weapons that could be used against Israel.

The Saudis and Egyptians are both pressing the Americans for more offensive weapons. President Sadat is no longer content with the F4 fighters he was given in 1978, and the Saudis have just asked to buy equipment which would extend the range of their F15s.

They were allowed to buy 60 of these aircraft in 1978 after a long and acrimonious dispute in Congress, during which Israel's friends argued that these most advanced weapons should not be given to its enemies. One of the conditions of the sale was that the aircraft would be based far from Israel's borders and another that they would not be supplied with extra fuel tanks and bomb racks. Their range would thus be limited to about 450 miles.

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Jewish slum dwellers establish illegal settlement in protest

From Christopher Walker
Jerusalem, June 17

The Israeli government is facing a political and security challenge from a Jewish settlement which has sprung up on a barren hillside on the southern outskirts of Jerusalem.

Illegally established nine days ago, the settlement is inhabited by 40 families of Jewish slum dwellers who are using novel tactics to try to force the Government to provide much-needed housing in Israel instead of diverting its scarce funds to settlements in the occupied territories.

By early tonight, attempts to mediate a peaceful evacuation appeared to have failed and there were fears of a confrontation between the settlers and the security forces.

Israeli radio reported that police reinforcements had been brought into the city in preparation for a move against the settlement, which is on land owned by the Israel Lands Administration. At the site, groups of settlers huddled around transistor radios and claimed that hundreds of supporters

from slum areas had pledged assistance to resist eviction. "We intend to stay here and fight. We have fought for Israel in two wars and received nothing in return—so this has become our battlefield now," Mr Joseph Belady, aged 33, a Moroccan Jew, said. "We came here from North Africa to start a new life, but the Israeli Government still treats us like blacks."

Unshaven and looking tired, Mr Belady added: "As a sign of our contempt for the Government's policies, 30 of the families have decided that if nothing is done soon to enable us to buy homes we will convert to Christianity to emphasize our protest. Many of the men and women are also planning to return their Israeli identity cards and their army recruitment cards."

The 30 adult protesters are Sephardic or Oriental Jews who constitute more than 50 per cent of the country's population. Support from Oriental Jews was the main factor which brought Mr Menachem Begin to power in 1977.

The new settlement, named Ohel Morey, was carefully planned. Recruits with useful trades were chosen and the settlement was set up under cover of darkness.

"This land has sat here unused for 32 years. We want to bring home to the world the fact that the Government is neglecting its own people," Mr Ronnie Elouz, aged 25, said. Jews abroad should know the money they sent here goes only to the rich."

Much of the money to set up the settlement was provided by Mr Elato Sharon, a millionaire member of the Knesset.

The interior Ministry said the ordinary police were responsible for security and the guards should not have intervened. The guards said they were trying to prevent the demonstrators from attacking the occupied American Embassy nearby.

At a special ceremony marking "Passa Day" outside the embassy yesterday, a message from Ayatollah Khomeini ordered the guards to obey the President, who is their commander in chief, as a religious duty.

But sources today reported differences between Mr Sharif, whose real name is Abbas

Guards commander resigns in Iran power struggle

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Boy and pet duck too: scene at Khao I Dang refugee camp as the repatriation to Kampuchea gets under way.

room for doubt in the minds of these poor farmers and peasants, who make up 60 per cent of the 130,000 camp population, as to whether they had a choice.
For three or four days after the announcement of the repatriation programme a loudspeaker van toured the camp declaring in Khmer: "Don't dream that you have a chance of being settled in third countries. It's time for you to go back." The broadcast promised they would find peace in Kampuchea and that they would be given rice, clothes and cooking utensils before they left.
But it did not quite work out like that. Most of the refugees who left today took only the rice they had managed to save.
Most going back were of poor ethnic Khmer stock with little education, very little money and no connections outside the country which are essential for resettlement in third countries.
From interviews with refugees conducted by The Times the decision to return was born of desperation, to see family members again, or to see Kampuchea once more or out of economic necessity to take the opportunity to resume trading on the border.
The chances are, however, that some at least will go into new refugee camps inside Kampuchea for refugees "from the enemy side". According to a Khmer intellectual in the camp such people in the past have been separated from the rest of society and not allowed to work.
Most probably, despite the hard-line statements from both Ranoi and Phnom Penh, this first wave of refugees will be allowed to make its way back with no more than usual hazards.
Things may well be different tomorrow when the first refugees return from a second refugee holding camp at Sa Kaeo. It has been plain from the start that a main element of the Thai repatriation policy was to try to get more fighters into the field against the Vietnamese.

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to say so, such bureaucratic niceties do not carry quite the same weight, eight miles from the prospect of forcible repatriation to a country where he will certainly be killed. Nor does Mr Kass have a very high opinion of governments at the moment.
The last government in his own country only missed liquidating him because of his skill in retelling stories heard on the BBC World Service. Last year the Thai Government moved him and his family, including his mother of 75, back to Kampuchea from a remote part by firing M16 rifles at them. Fifty-nine days, about 500 miles through the centre of Kampuchea and one newborn baby later, the family struggled back across the border into Thailand and the Khao I Dang refugee camp. And the British Council complains that Mr Kass does not have a government.
Mr Kass and about 500 other educated Khmers in the Khao I Dang camp represent almost all that remains of the elite of the Khmer people and for them, whether they have government or not, the only hope is to get out to a third country. If they went back to Kampuchea, which none of them wants to do, they would face disaster.
As Mr Kass put it: "If we go back we will see our immediate death. Heng Samrin and the Vietnamese will never accept us because they consider us traitors and spies."
"The Khmer Rouge will crush our bones immediately. Ten on their black list already, and the Khmer Seret (right wing nationalists) will also kill me because I have refused to help them."
Apart from anything else Mr Kass would like the chance to repay his debt to the BBC: "They saved my life by giving me English knowledge and storytelling skill. I can never forget that. Whenever I am I think of the BBC."
After his arrest, Mr Kass was taken to a prison in Kach Rotek, about 20 miles from Phnom Penh, where he became friendly with the youngest of the teenage Khmer Rouge soldiers detailed to guard them. He told them stories. Each night the young guard would come and ask him to tell them a story, stories he told from memory that he had heard on the BBC World Service in a series called *Stories from Asia*. He even remembers the title of the first in the series: "The Siamese Cat".
Night after night the two soldiers who happened to be on night duty came to listen to their favourites: "The Ungrateful Son", "The Crow and the Crocodile", "The Eagle and the Buffalo". It became a routine. They would come and wake him and for an hour he would tell stories. For half an hour he would have food to eat and then he would have half an hour's sleep before the next detail came on.
Then the soldiers heard that the camp was to be "cleared" of its 37 inmates because 17 new prisoners were coming. The young guard said: "Let's get him out because we need him. He's very good at telling stories."
They slipped him out round the back of the hut and hid him.
"For me the BBC is god, they saved me. Nothing else could have saved me. I would like to work for them if I got the chance." Mr Kass said.
There's no place in Kampuchea for me now. And besides, his wife Pularith, is expecting their third child.

Seoul names 329 with a fortnight to give up

From Jacqueline Rediff
Seoul, June 17

South Korea's martial law authorities announced today that 329 people, including two members of Parliament, were on a wanted list and had until the end of the month to give themselves up.
Most of the people on the list were students who were allegedly involved in the massive campus demonstrations last month. Twenty men, the suspected ringleaders of the student demonstrations, already carry a 1m won (about £720) price on their heads.
General Lee Hui Song, the martial law commander, said the people on the new list would be treated more leniently if they gave themselves up within the next 13 days. But he warned students who did not come forward in the "surrender period" that they would be expelled from their universities or colleges. He gave no further details of the penalties those on the wanted list were likely to incur.
Of the 26 people detained when nation-wide martial law was declared on May 17, 16 are still held. None of the eight journalists arrested last week has so far been released.
The new list includes Mr Lee Yong Hee, a deputy of the opposition New Democratic Party (NDP), who is wanted on suspicion of subversive activities, and Mr Oh Chi Sung, former deputy of the Democratic Republican Party (DRP). Mr Oh is accused of abusing his political powers in order to amass wealth illegally. The same reason was given by the martial law command for the detention of Mr Kim Jong Pil, the DRP leader.
In addition to the 276 students and two members of Parliament, the new wanted list names 14 professors, eight university professors, two journalists and two clergymen.
The son, chief secretary and a number of associates of Mr Kim Dae Jung, the well-known dissident and one-time presidential candidate, are also included in the list. Mr Kim was one of the first to be arrested on May 17 and has been formally accused of financing student leaders, inciting riots and having Communist North Korean sympathies.
The authorities claimed that most people on the list were suspected of having played important roles in last month's student demonstrations. Others were suspected of anti-government activities, of spreading subversive literature, of being connected with the recent popular uprising in the southern town of Kwangju and of controlling disturbances from "behind the scenes".
The martial law command also announced today that 81 people had been provisionally charged in a court martial with leading miners in a violent riot last April. The miners, demanding wage increases, staged a riot at South Korea's largest privately-owned coal mine, near the eastern town of Seubuk, which resulted in the death of one policeman and many injuries.

Brother with law
Bogotá, June 17.—A brother of General Luis Camacho Leyva, Colombia's Defence Minister, was arrested by military intelligence agents who found more than 2lb of cocaine in his suitcase.

Japan's military role a key election issue

From Peter Hazelhurst
Tokyo, June 17

The world's second largest industrialised democracy will take no significant step either to the left or right when up to 80 million Japanese voters go to the polls on Sunday to elect new Upper and Lower Houses of Parliament.
This is the finding of the country's latest opinion poll which indicates that the average voter will opt for moderation and a broad coalition government will be formed if Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party fails to secure a majority.
The poll, conducted by the Japan Broadcasting Corporation (NHK), indicates that the sudden death of Mr Masayoshi Ohira, the Prime Minister, might nudge the enfeebled conservatives back into office in their own right on a vote of sympathy.
Although the poll indicates that 45 per cent of the electorate still supports the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, the election will probably reflect a deep-seated urge towards moderate political change.
The survey goes on to show that most Japanese would like to see an end to three decades of conservative rule if it can be replaced by a centre of the broad coalition government, comprised of the Liberal Democrats, the Communist Party, the Socialist Party (DSP) and the Komeito, the political wing of the neo-Buddhist sect, the Soka Gakkai.
Only 10 per cent of those questioned said they would prefer to see the ruling conservatives replaced by an alliance of the Japan Socialist Party, the Komeito and the DSP. An alternative alliance of the Japan Socialist Party (the country's second largest political force) and the Communist Party was supported by only 4.5 per cent of the electorate, NHK declared.
The first concrete plans for a coalition government were mooted yesterday when Mr Ryosaku Sasaki, the leader of the DSP, said the party was willing to enter into a national coalition government with the conservatives.
The respected Japanese newspaper, Yomiuri Shimbun, reported today that leaders of the DSP met members of the conservative hierarchy in secret last night.
Today Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, a conservative leader who could emerge out of a power struggle as Japan's new Prime Minister, claimed that an alliance between the DSP and the Liberal Democrats would provide Japan with strong government.
In recent weeks Japan's three non-conservative opposition groups have made vain attempts to forge the basis of an alliance which might replace the conservatives in office. But in each case the proposed left-wing alliance has foundered on sharp differences over the future of Japan's security pact with the United States and the shape of Japan's armed forces, euphemistically described as the self-defence forces.
In sharp contrast to the policies of other opposition groups, the Japan Socialist Party has called for the abrogation of Japan's security treaty with the United States. The Socialists also want to disarm Japan's self-defence force under their policy of "unarmed neutrality".
The Communist Party, the fourth political force in Parliament, stands by its policy of "armed neutrality". In other words the Communist Party is determined to end Japan's strong military and political ties with Washington, but at the same time Japan would retain its self-defence force at the existing level of 180,000 men.
The more moderate DSP, which advocates strong ties with the West, is also closer to the Komeito and the ruling conservative camp on the question of defence.
The delicate and emotional issue of defence harks back to the rise of Japan as an aggressive military power more than 40 years ago. Today the United States has attempted to persuade Japan to increase its spending on defence and the debate has emerged as a key issue.
The defence issues which confront Japan today are perhaps put more succinctly by the DSP's slogan: "No war, no defence".
Hiroomi Kurisu, the former chairman of the Joint Staff Council who was forced to resign for publicly criticizing official curbs on the role of the defence force.
The DSP's swipe at the Socialists' policy of "unarmed neutrality", General Kurisu said: "No country has ever adopted such a policy. It would be dangerous for Japan."

Taj Mahal losing its sheen to pollution

From Trevor Fishlock
Delhi, June 17

A campaign was launched today to stop pollution damage to the Taj Mahal. Acid from industrial gases is taking the shine off the dazzling white marble, and "stone cancer" has been detected.
"There is a tragedy in the making if action is not taken quickly," said Mr Som Chib, vice-president of the Indian Heritage Society, recently formed to take up the cause of the Taj Mahal and other national treasures.
The Taj is not simply an Indian treasure, it is one of the glories of the world, more than a million people come to see it every year, Mr Chib said.
"If we take preventive measures now we can stop it being disfigured. The damage being done is, so far, on a relatively small scale, but the discolouring, pitting and coarse patches, especially on the upper levels, are a warning to us."
The Taj Mahal, on the banks of the Jumna at Agra, about 120 miles south of Delhi, was built between 1630 and 1652 and is a king's memorial to a beloved wife. During the past 30 years there has been a growth of industry in Agra and damage to the Taj Mahal has been caused by sulphur dioxide.
The main sources of air pollution in the city are two power stations about a mile from the memorial, railway marshalling yards where coal burning locomotives are employed and about 250 foundries.
In response to growing concern about disfiguring of the Taj and other beautiful buildings in Agra, the Government has decided that locomotives should change from coal to diesel fuel and that the power stations should be moved further away. No date has been set.
An area has been set aside five miles away for foundries and some have moved. But there is resistance among foundry owners to a wholesale move and the process of re-locating foundries is expected to be a long one.
Even if the power stations and foundries are eventually sited elsewhere there remains, in the view of those concerned for the Taj Mahal, another threat. About 20 miles north of Agra an oil refinery is being built which is expected to start working at the end of this year. For many months of the year prevailing wind will carry emissions from the refinery towards Agra.
Having failed to get the refinery built in another place, the oil company is now trying to ensure that the plant is fitted with equipment to prevent sulphur dioxide escaping in damaging quantities.
The Indian Oil Corporation believes that sulphur dioxide levels will not be raised appreciably by the refinery emissions and that safeguards will be adequate. The environmentalists are not satisfied and want an independent assessment of the pollution risk and the safeguards. Meanwhile, pollution monitoring stations, a gift from Japan, has been installed at the Taj.
"It is not just the refinery that poses a threat," Mr Chib said, "around it will grow ancillary industries which will cause pollution. But I am afraid that consciousness of the environment in India is low."
"With good planning we could have our industry and keep our treasures safe. The Heritage Society is drawing attention to the Taj because it is a world famous building but we also aim to make people more aware of threats to other architectural and art treasures, and to our wildlife and forests."

Hongkong and China work together to halt exodus

From Richard Hughes
Hongkong, June 17

Hongkong and Chinese security authorities are collaborating to stop the exodus of Chinese residents suspected of smuggling illegal immigrants into Hongkong.
It is the first time that a Chinese naval vessel has shot to kill in such circumstances. Previously Chinese naval vessels have fired only to warn, halt and turn back boats carrying illegal immigrants from Macau.
In this incident, which occurred in the early hours of Sunday, two of the three Chinese on board a Hongkong speedboat near the China coast were killed by "unofficially" in wounded in the chest and arm, managed to swim to a Hongkong island and told police he had been "accidentally injured".
Hongkong authorities have identified the three residents, who had connections with a syndicate on the Chinese side of the border which Chinese security officials are now trying to track down. There is speculation that the Chinese may seek extradition of the survivor for trial in China, which would impose an embarrassing decision for Hongkong.
The exodus crisis, ironically, is strengthening the unofficial cooperation between China and Hongkong.
The People's Liberation Army has now been ordered to shoot suspected leaders of groups of escapees and firing is constantly heard at night on the Chinese side of the border. The number of deaths or casualties is not known, but according to unofficial reports reaching Hongkong, more than 500 illegal immigrants are being captured daily by the Chinese Army.
Hongkong patrols are arresting and forcibly returning more than 270 refugees a day and it is estimated that at least the same number evade detection and find sanctuary with relatives, friends or criminal friends (secret societies) in Hongkong.
In the first five months of this year, 26,874 were caught and returned. In the same period, the number of legal but unwanted immigrants, with approved exit visas, totalled 22,784.
As previously reported, pressure is mounting inside Hongkong, and would undoubtedly be supported in China — for revocation of the continuing indulgent acceptance of illegal immigrants who manage to escape border capture, arrive in Hongkong and obtain residential identity cards.
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New life forms can be tethered to a patent

From Clive Cookson
of The Times Higher Education Supplement
Washington, June 17

New forms of life can be patented, the United States Supreme Court has ruled. The landmark decision is likely to give an important new stimulus to the commercialization of recombinant DNA research—or genetic engineering, as it is popularly known.
The court decided yesterday by a 5-4 majority that the General Electric Company could patent a new strain of bacteria created to break down oil spills. It is genetically engineered to digest several different components of crude oil, unlike natural bacteria which can deal with at most one compound.
The United States Patent Office had refused the company's application, on the ground that American patent laws do not specifically include

living organisms, except plant varieties. But the Supreme Court disagreed, holding that the law, which says any "manufacture" or "composition of matter" is patentable, should include all new forms of life.
The Government had urged the court to reject General Electric's application and leave Congress to extend the patent laws to specifically defined categories of living things.
The resolution of the General Electric case, which has followed a tortuous path through the federal courts since 1973, will open the way for the inventors of other new micro-organisms to be granted patents. Their applications have been piling up at the Patent Office, awaiting the Supreme Court's decision.
Spokesmen for the rapidly growing biotechnology industry welcomed the ruling, saying that it would give them an in-

centive to accelerate their recombinant DNA research and its applications.
Medicine is likely to be the first field to benefit. Commercial and academic laboratories throughout the United States are beginning to "splice" genes from humans into bacteria, which can then produce large quantities of potentially useful drugs such as insulin and interferon, the anti-viral (and probably anti-cancer) agent that everyone has suddenly become so excited about.
Universities, which have filed several patents for the products of recombinant DNA research by their faculty members, were also pleased by the ruling. It could bring them a much-needed infusion of funds during a decade of austerity.
But others expressed disquiet about the verdict, fearing that the profit motive might begin to exert too much influence on

the direction of basic research. There was also some concern that considerations of safety might be neglected during the stampede to create new forms of life for use in medicine, agriculture, mining and the energy industries.
Although most scientists now believe that the dangers of creating a deadly "super-bug" by genetic engineering were greatly overdrawn in the popular debate about recombinant DNA three or four years ago, not everyone agrees.
It is possible, however, that the importance of the General Electric case has been exaggerated. The techniques of genetic engineering would have been patentable even if the Supreme Court had ruled the other way, and some experts believe that patenting specific new production methods may be more important commercially than patenting the actual organisms.

Tripura villages stormed by tribesmen

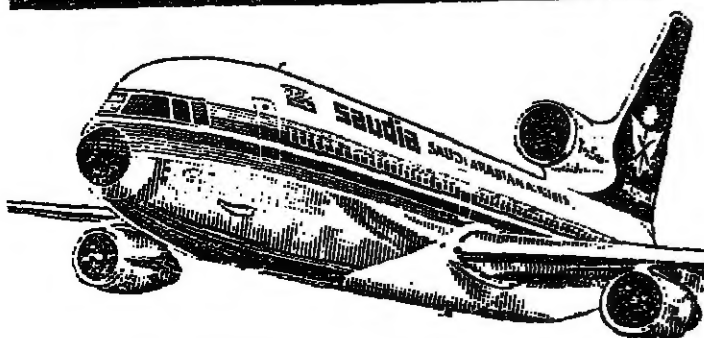
Delhi, June 17.—Food riots broke out today in the troubled state of Tripura, north-east India, when thousands of tribesmen stormed villages in search of food, reports reaching here said.

An estimated 40,000 Christian tribal people are believed to have gone into hiding in forests to evade arrest. Last week they were involved in clashes with settlers from Bangladesh that left at least 1,000 dead, thousands injured and 200,000 homeless.
It was reported today that about 500 tribal people had been found starving and thou-

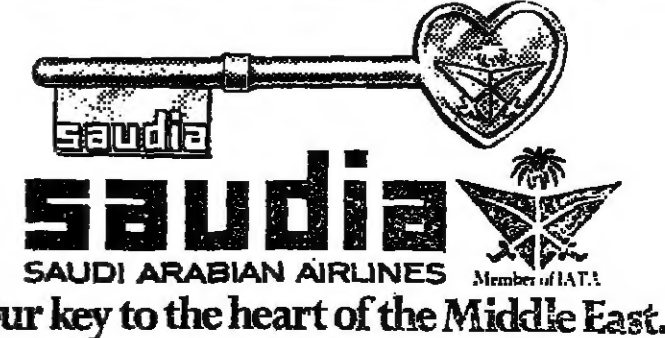
sands more were facing the same fate. The Times of India quoted Mr Nripen Chakraborty, Tripura's Chief Minister, as saying that the 500 people discovered starving were found in a forest in Bangladesh.
The newspaper said many tribesmen and their families had been in the jungle for some days and could not have carried much food with them.
Mr Chakraborty told journalists yesterday in the state capital of Agartala that he had appealed to the central Government to drop 1,000 tonnes of rice from aircraft to the tribespeople.

The Times of India said the Government was trying to win back their confidence, badly shaken by the violence. Tribal people form 30 per cent of the state's 1.5 million population. Immigrants from Bangladesh are in the majority.
The newspaper said many Bengali-speaking settlers had refused to sell grain to tribespeople.
Tribal militants have been blamed for the killings which came after a wave of anti-immigrant protests in north-east India.—Agence France-Presse and Reuters.

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does it, but only fiction writers use it."

To write about people the way you need to move through life with a certain detachment and there is a suggestion in his restlessness that he is afraid of becoming too absorbed in English country life, nervous of losing his sense of distance. In Italy it will be restored so that far from being tempted to write an Italian novel he will give us another English or Irish one with, perhaps, a renewed sense of perspective.

There may be an Italian short story but then "What is an Italian short story?" a story that takes place in Italy?"

Perhaps. But it will be intriguing to see, when the time comes, what Florentine metaphor he will discover for that peculiar English one of the day behind the lavatory at the Taunton ground.

Tim Heald

Jelen Walker. The early opera *Lucio Silla* will be given two performances with a cast including Langridge, Yvonne Kenny, Felicity Palmer, Patrizia Kwellas and Mitsuko Shirai. Richard Hickox will conduct the City of London Sinfonia in both works. Other events include a concert by the London Infonietta of music by Samuel Barber, in the presence of the composer, and four lunchtime recitals of Mozart divertimenti and serenades given by the Academy Ensemble.

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Beneath

Driving away from Tanton station the other day William Trevor said there had been a knifing behind the lavatories at the county cricket ground. The image is vividly Trevorian—sudden violence disturbing bucolic quiet; English gentility revealed as red in tooth and claw. This incongruity runs through much of his fiction, notably in *The Old Boys*, that viciously funny story of schoolfellows who never really left school; in *The Children of Dynmow* in which evil stalks a cosy English seaside resort; and most dramatically in his latest, *Other People's Worlds*, out tomorrow.

Trust Trevor to use a tea-pot as a murder weapon. This time, despite appearances, "niceness" triumphs. The knife behind the lavatories is still there, but the cricket is more important; or as he puts it in another analogy it may be true that you can feed a whole Indian village on what the Royal Family gives its corgis, and that may be deeply shocking—but the Royal Family is still quite nice or, in Trevor's words, "actually disgusting". Nothing for Trevor! Black and white, nor quite what it seems.

He is in his fifties now, the sort of author who wins prizes and about whom decorates are composed by earnest foreign dignitaries searching for elusive significances in his work. One recently asked why all his books take place in summer. Trevor was baffled. He had not noticed. "I'm an insouciant writer," he says, apologetically. It will not, for instance, discuss any book on which he is working. "It's pointless, they always change." And when he goes over a view of his writing such as "I think it's really just a curiosity about murders," or "I have an Irish sense of humour," he does so diffidently and speculatively, as if he is the last person to know.

Although his novels are more praised than bought he has carved out a handy living turning many of his short stories into television. He is working on one at the moment as well as a three-part adaptation of his novel *Elizabeth Stone* for the BBC. Once or twice he has sold the rights in his books and lost control of them, sometimes with disastrous results. "I sold *The Old Boys* to someone who reduced their age and therefore lost the whole point of the book," he also introduced a sperm bank. I couldn't understand that till he told me that he'd seen the hell they were up to. He acquired the ability to fly—Trevor was so distressed by it that he flew to New York to persuade the man to drop the idea. He remembers a ludicrous day in a bar, arguing over the noise of a television set which blared commercials with slogans like "Is your dog a

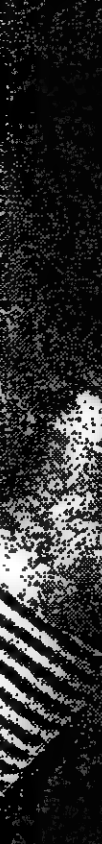
Hurt Moll and Peter Hofmann

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Tim Heald talks to the n
Other People's Worlds

pickier eater?" (He has an unerring eye for silly advertising phrases, a legacy of copywriting days at Notleys with Gavin Stewart, Edward Lucie Smith, Peter Porter and others better suited to art than advertising.) *The Old Boys* was never made.

For more than 10 years he and his wife have lived in a secluded Victorian house in a valley just over the Devon border from Somerset. Metropolitan friends are aghast that he should cut himself off from London where he used to live but he protests that there is stimulus enough in the country. "If you write about people you have to be among people", he concedes. "You've got to go into the hardware store and buy nails. But going into the slightest area of human activity will do perfectly well, even if it's simply going to the post office in Punkswell to post letters." He needs to observe but prefers to do so as an outsider, a position



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he has enjoyed first as a Protestant in southern Ireland, and through adult life as an Irishman in England, and possibly quite soon as an Irishman in Italy. "I have a restlessness," he says, "a sort of footloose quality. We thought we would like to live for a year in Florence." His wife is learning Italian at evening classes in Taunton. Not he. "I much prefer not to know a language," he says. "I like being a stranger." He enjoys the idea of sitting in the corner of a railway carriage, observing, wondering, inventing. In fact he said he would cheerfully travel to Paris and then take the first train back just for the experience. "It's much better just watching," he says. "You must look across the hotel lounge and wonder." He loves to watch people and invent lives and characters, personalities and dramas for them. "Speculation . . . everyone



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For all this the performance manages to retain a degree of distinction, chiefly through the contribution of Georg Solti. Time was when his Parsifal was




(above), whose new book *Bodley Head* tomorrow does it, but only fiction writers use it."

To write about people the way he does you need to move through life with a certain detachment and there is a suggestion in his restlessness that he is afraid of becoming too absorbed in English country life, nervous of losing his sense of distance. In Italy it will be restored so that far from being tempted to write an Italian novel he will give us another English or Irish one with, perhaps, a renewed sense of perspective. There may be an Italian short story but then "What is an Italian short story?—a story that takes place in Italy?"

Perhaps. But it will be intriguing to see, when the time comes, what Florentine metaphor he will discover for that peculiarly English one of the knife behind the lavatory at the Taunton ground.

Tim Heald



Entertainment

of sad comedy

Educating Rita Warehouse

Ned Chaillet

Back before the Royal Shakespeare Company charged £3.50 for taking a risk at the small Warehouse Theatre, there were always queues for new productions. There were not many waiting on Monday to take a chance on Willy Russell's new play, and the theatre was not quite full; but perhaps audiences there have grown cautious as much because of what they have seen as because of what they have paid.

It might be said that *Educating Rita* hardly seems a piece of RSC work. If the crowds start forming, as well they might if people want an entertaining evening of sad comedy, the entrancing leading actress, Julie Walters, will not be an RSC regular and the highly-regarded director, Mike Ockrent, is certainly not from the Stratford stables.

Mr Russell has not been too avidly sought by the company and the performance by Mark Kingston, in the one other role, is somehow different in kind from normal RSC performances.

I would guess that the company is busy in its major undertaking, *Nicholas Nickleby*, and that Walters may account for the West End try-out feel of Mr Russell's play. But it would be silly not to welcome it: the deft moments of its best comedy are splendidly refreshing.

Mr Russell has taken a look at two segments of English society and engineered a collision that is as full of regret as it is of promise. In the dusty sealed chamber of a university

Erick Hawkins Sadler's Wells

John Percival

First impressions of the Erick Hawkins Dance Company are of an unusually quiet, gentle way of moving. Opening Sadler's Wells Theatre's three-week season, which consists on Monday, they gave three works, each in a different genre, but all with an understated quality. As with a speaker who avoids raising his voice, the effect is to make you concentrate harder in case you miss something.

Another feature common to all three works is that, like almost all of Hawkins's choreography, they have specially written scores, which insist on having played live: there is no taped score in the repertoire.

Music by Alan Hovhaness attractively supports the rituals of *Plains Daybreak*, which is inspired by American Indian dances. Although not, I gather, mimicked from them.

Virgil Thomson employs variations on many familiar songs

The Apostles Albert Hall

Hilary Finch

At the second concert of this year's Elgar Choral Festival on Monday, Worcester's Donald Hunt conducted a performance of *The Apostles*, which, despite its long, extensive narrative, can be every bit as arresting as the intensive and more obviously immediate soul-journey of *Gerontius* that we heard in the first concert last year. What makes the work unusually powerful is the originality of its dramatic conception, the concentration of the word-setting, the juxtaposition and integration of ideas, like the storm within Mary Magdalene and the storm outside her cell, the telegraphing of the approach to the suicide of Judas and the death of Christ.

In Monday's performance by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra with the Worcester Festival Choral Society and the Worcester Youth Choir, the full dramatic potential was realized. Although Donald Hunt led together the grand design,

Musica Viva Morley College

Max Harrison

Monday's concert by the Musica Viva ensemble conducted by Michael Graubart began with a familiar group, with Lutoski's Quartet of 1954. This retains one's interest although its methods have been widely imitated since. The initial point of fascination, but there is no doubt about the originality of the second movement, with its

office he presents a professor who clings to whisky bottles, having abandoned his desire to be a poet. He awards his first session with an Open University student, having taken the job only to pay for his drinking.

Mica Walters' breezy arrival, free of the ritual deference of usual students, briefly awakens a sense of moral pride in Frank. He values the rawness of her self-expression, and, although he is aghast at her ignorance, he immediately tries to step down as her tutor. What she wants to learn, however, she believes he can teach her; and the play goes forward by short scenes in the office as Rita challenges E. M. Forsiter and Peer Gynt with her plain-spoken Northern wit.

Mr Russell turns wit against all sides and Rita is lured beyond education into the casual student world of literary arguments and late-night parties. She leaves her husband; but what seems more important is the way she seems to leave her working-class origins behind. The limitations of literary examinations replace for a moment the limitations of single-point-pun poetry.

There is a parallel drama in Frank's increasing dependence on Rita's visits and his own adoption of her earliest, naive criticisms; and for a while both sides develop a wall. But when he meets the middle-aged Russell again it is at the end he is refashioning a comedy from material that had become serious.

His actors play the shifts splendidly and Mr Ockrent's direction is sensitive to the delicacy of the material. It is even better if Mr Russell had plunged his sharpened stake into both their hearts.

for his music accompanying the comedy of *Parson Weems* and the *Cherry Tree*, etc., which offers a new view of what really happened in George Washington's daddy's garden. Whichever of the four named designers had the idea of dressing his own puppets in vivid characters in costumes partly made from stiff paper was truly inspired.

Hawkins is one of the veterans of American dance. He was Martha Graham's first partner before breaking away to follow his own course. He has given himself two roles in this programme, not physically demanding, but filled with a simple dignity and charm. The other eight dancers are able, lively and well matched in style but, as first seeing, none of them stand out from the general ensemble.

I shall have more to say about the company later, after seeing another programme. Meanwhile, see them for yourself if you can. They offer no blinding revelation but a seductively peaceful, calm view of the art of dance and the world we live in.

skillfully shaping its progress from episode to episode, too few of the protagonists seemed really to experience what lies at the expressive heart of the music or willing to project their interpretations sufficiently.

From his first appearance as the cynic, in the Beatrix episode, John Tomlinson as Judas was the only singer who consistently composed and fully carried his words, although Christopher Kaye also sang with a true understanding of Elgar's aristo-style recitative which made his part always a pleasure to listen to, and Linda Esther Gray was, at times, a moving Mary. Although in fine and often beautiful voice, Anne Collins was not the distraught and remorseful *Magdalene* that she could have been.

The chorus, no less than the soloists, seemed to understate how necessary it was to observe, even exaggerate, all of Elgar's painstaking dynamic and expressive markings in order to compete with one of the composer's largest orchestras. Let us hope for more things in the third part of the story, when *The Kingdom* is performed next month.

highly wrought, of continuous inexpressiveness, distilling an apocalyptic lyricism.

"Charisma for Clarinet and Cello" by Xenakis proved to be an extraordinary tapestry of sounds, some of them notably abrasive, yet the whole has a shape, a meaning and seemed unduly brief.

We also heard a neat performance of Stravinsky's "Three Shakespeare Songs", and the final piece in this short concert was "The October Countess" by Derek Foster, the pianist of the Musica Viva ensemble. The piece is based

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Melley Sadie

The new-Royal Opera *Parsifal* has been unfortunate. When first given, in April last year, it was handicapped by the loss of a technical rehearsal time through an industrial dispute. By the same has happened: it had to be given in a hurried-down form, with props virtually no scenery.

We saw enough, however, to get some idea of its character. The setting, by Furrer, has little other than an ad hoc platform in the middle of the stage, its silvery case broken up into a maze of fern, and an ever-changing pattern of shapes, placed or distorted (they are covered flowers in Act II). The light, specially adapted for this re-creation, contributes a dead deal, for example an inflammatory urge in the flower-land and a golden glow on the Friday.

In line with the current deal using spoken-theatre pro-

ductions are designed to function with the music. Mr. Hands takes a pretty little line in it, and them, and we all pay the price. The short jumbo-size swan is borne in by a girl with a balletic hip-wiggle. The marches around the maze (serving for scene changes in the outer acts) seem like a parody of a ritual. Kundry's seduction scene is defused, not to say cheapened, by the continuous presence of a team of flower-maidens who adopt symbolically menacing insect-like postures or unusually large flowers, and finally play ring-a-roses with the reluctant, still pure fool. Klingsor's spear attack is not miraculously halted but reduced to a scuffle worthy of a television soap thriller. Act III opens with Gurnemanz, in openly young, crawling towards the spring. The stage has a central focus, and the various shifts in the grail scenes and on Klingsor's appearances, as movements as arbitrary and as seamless as predictable as a seesaw.

tion to the tense and restless production, that draws from Sir George a reading marked by its poise, its breadth its purity of line, its nobility. The effect of Act III seemed excessively progressed. But I relished the softness, the warmth and the refinement of the playing he censured from the springs, the tenderness and refinement of the brass, and above all the sense of inner calm with which his reading was suffused.

The cast is unchanged since last year. Kurt Mall supplies a ready, warmly and musically sung, finely detailed Gurnemann. Franz Mazura makes a commanding Klingsor, bitter of tone, splendidly realizing the oppressive power of the sound in his words. There is a shapely, well-voiced, grandly-phrased, and comfortable Norberta Eiling. Peter Hofmann's tenor in Parsifal's music is a joy, natural, free-and-easy in Act I, gaining depth and weight and masculine virility in Act II: surely the

Oliver Knussen's "Rosenzweidler" for soprano (Jane Manning), clarinet, viola and cello, contains three early works by George Trakl. The first is a poem who has attracted several composers. The ambiguity of his verses, indeed, invites music, because it can be read in several ways. In the case of Trakl's sometimes casual expressionist imagery, Mr Knussen's response is

The score, which dates from 1977, is pleasantly astrigent in its effect yet creates no particularly strong impression. All these pieces were heard in Morley College's Studio Theatre, rather small room whose acoustics served them none too kindly.

Helen Walker. The early opera *L'ucio Silla* will be given on 20th September with a cast including Langridge, Yvonne Kenny, Felicity Palmer, Patrizia Cella and Mitsuko Shirai. Richard Hickox will conduct the City of London Sinfonia in both works. Other events include a concert by the London Sinfonietta of music by Samuel Barber in the process of being composed, and four lunchtime recitals of Mozart divertimento and serenades given by the Indivision Ensemble.

PARLIAMENT, June 17, 1980

Sites for cruise missiles named: joint Anglo-American decision needed before they can be fired

House of Commons

The 160 ground launched cruise missiles to be deployed in Britain will be stationed at two existing military establishments, Mr Francis Pym, Secretary of State for Defence, announced in a statement. The sites are in Berkshire and in Cambridgeshire.

Any decision on the use of the missiles would be a joint one for Britain and the United States, he said in reply to a question.

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Mr William Rodgers, Chief Opposition spokesman on defence (Teesdale, Stockton, Lab.) To those who accept the inevitability of nuclear war, the decision to station the missiles is a logical one. He said that the decision was taken by the two governments in December 1979.

He referred to the arrangements for security and the fact that the missiles will be available to help. He said that the decision was taken by the two governments in December 1979.

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Soviet offensive chemical weapons represent a threat

The Government has no plans for acquiring an offensive capability in chemical weapons but it is right to consider the implications of the increasing Soviet Union capability and whether the UK is in any way in which its use could be deterred, Mr Francis Pym, Secretary of State for Defence, said at a question time.

Mr Pym said that in consultation with the allies the Government is kept under review all aspects of the threat they faced, one of which was the Soviet Union's massive increase of its offensive chemical warfare capability.

The United Kingdom was committed to seeking a ban on the possession of chemical weapons. Unwillingness on the part of the Soviet Union to countenance such a ban, would be a serious matter in the eyes of the country, he said.

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At the same time the problem will not go away, nor its risk. It is part of my responsibility to think about that with my allies and in due course if we come to any conclusions I will announce it. I have no intention of that at present.

Mr Robert Adley (Christchurch and Lymington, C)—Has he noticed how television companies seem to be obsessed with making documentaries about our defence effort in this sphere and making programmes which seem to be aimed at demagoguing our friends and allies? We never see similar programmes giving details of what the Soviet Union is up to on this.

Would he consult the Home Secretary to see whether the balance could be redressed when the media take place between the Government and the broadcasting authorities?

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Big public sector wage awards ruled out by Mrs Thatcher

At a time when production was flat they could not continue having the big public sector pay awards which had been given in the past, Mrs Thatcher, Prime Minister, said at a question time.

Mr John Stakes (Halesowen and Smurthwaite, C) asked: When the Prime Minister has to consider only on making a success of her present term of office but securing a second term? (Conservative cheers and interruptions.)

Mr James Callaghan, Leader of the Opposition (Cardiff, South East, Lab)—I can tell Conservative MPs that the country would sooner have me as Prime Minister than Mrs Thatcher. (Laughter and interruptions.)

On the issue of unemployment, which is going to dominate this Parliament more and more, Mrs Thatcher said that she had noted the report of the Manpower Services Commission that school leavers' unemployment would double within the next 18 months, and that training does not cater adequately for at least half of those leaving school.

Mr Colin Shephard (Hereford, C) asked: Regarding the civil service and public sector pay, will the Prime Minister confirm that those employed in the public sector are to receive no increase in pay, and that those in the private sector are to receive a 3 per cent increase for every point of inflation increase, and that wage and salary increases must bear some relation to what the nation can afford?

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Laker approach to air fares applied to Hongkong route

Backing what he called Sir Frank Lee's dynamic approach to civil aviation, Mr John Nott, Secretary of State for Trade, announced that Laker Airways and Cathay Pacific would be allowed to operate the London-Hong Kong route as well as British Caledonian, the third applicant and British Airways, the present operators.

Mr Nott (St Ives, C) said that last year British Caledonian, Laker and Cathay Pacific had applied to the Hong Kong Air Transport Licensing Authority and the British Civil Aviation Authority for licences to operate on the route, in addition to British Airways, who as present provide the only London-Hong Kong direct service.

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Lack of EEC Council decision keeps Commission away from whaling talks

European Parliament Strasbourg

The protection of wild plants and animals and their natural habitats in Europe was an exceedingly urgent matter, Mr Henning Munnich (Netherlands, Soc) said in introducing a report on the Commission's decision to convene a Council of Ministers for a decision on the convention on the conservation of European wildlife and natural habitats.

Mr Munnich was speaking as rapporteur for the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection and also on behalf of the Socialist group.

The report welcomed the Commission's proposal and urged the Council of Ministers to ratify the convention at the earliest opportunity. It is concerned primarily with European wildlife species at present threatened with extinction.

Mr Munnich said 10 per cent of all European plants (1,400 species); 24 per cent of all birds (220 species); 39 per cent of all mammals (36 species); and 43 per cent of reptiles and amphibians (14 species) were in danger of extinction.

We depend on nature for everything, he said. I would like this to permeate our brains, even if for selfish reasons.

The Environment and Consumer Protection Division of the Commission could no longer cope with its job. The committee concluded that the convention could only be ratified by the Council if sufficient manpower and finances were made available to the department.

Mr Gloria Hooper (Liverpool, ED) said the European Parliament supported the report. The risk in this area resulting from man's so-called progress were just portents for the future, just as frightening as the risks of high technology.

The community should be in the forefront of an urban policy within the nature conservation programme with the planning of towns and the creation of ponds and waterways. The development of special conservation green spots in urban black spots should have priority.

Mr Finn Lynge (Denmark, Green Land, Soc) said the report should be amended to delete the paragraphs dealing with the protection of nature. The community must consider the commercial aspects of whale fishing.

It was not correct to say that almost all cetacean (whale) species were in danger of extinction. The North Atlantic whale was not in danger of extinction.

For economic activity, the Commission could not interfere with what they did. The Danish Government had subscribed to the convention, subject to the proviso that Greenland be excluded.

Human rights factors in defence sales

Human rights considerations were taken into account before decisions are made about the export of military equipment, Mr Barney Hayhoe, Under-Secretary of Defence for the Army, said at a question time.

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Minister foresees bright future for coal industry

Prospects for the coal industry had never been better, Mr David Howell, Secretary of State for Energy, said when moving the Coal Industry Bill.

Mr Howell (Guildford, C) said the Bill was a landmark in the coal industry. It had an opportunity to secure for itself a prosperous and good future, based on new market opportunities and efficient and competitive production.

Coal was Britain's greatest single natural resource. As new markets developed the industry could hope to move away from its present overdependence on sales to the electricity industry. There were encouraging signs that the long decline in deep-mine output and productivity had reversed.

The Government's strategy was to continue to support the National Coal Board's capital expenditure on projects which would produce efficient capacity.

It also had a new financial target for the NCB. The coal industry was to be asked to advance the opportunity to open to it if it was efficient, competitive, productive and free from dependence on Government subsidies.

It had been asked the board must be set a financial objective. He had set the board the financial objective of return to cost on a historic cost basis, after 1983-84 onwards. In the meantime the Government would support the board to pay operating costs of the industry.

Parliamentary notices

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The Bishop of Birmingham, recently returned from South Africa, gives a disturbing report on the conditions he found there

Mr Botha's window-dressing

Surely things are better, not worse, in South Africa? Has not Prime Minister Botha spoken of moderating apartheid? Has not even the repeal of the mixed marriages ban been envisaged? Cannot blacks now share hotel facilities with whites on certain conditions? Have not blacks now got independent "homelands"? Is there not now mixed sport? Surely the wind of change is blowing? And what right have we British to interfere in the complex internal affairs of a sovereign land?

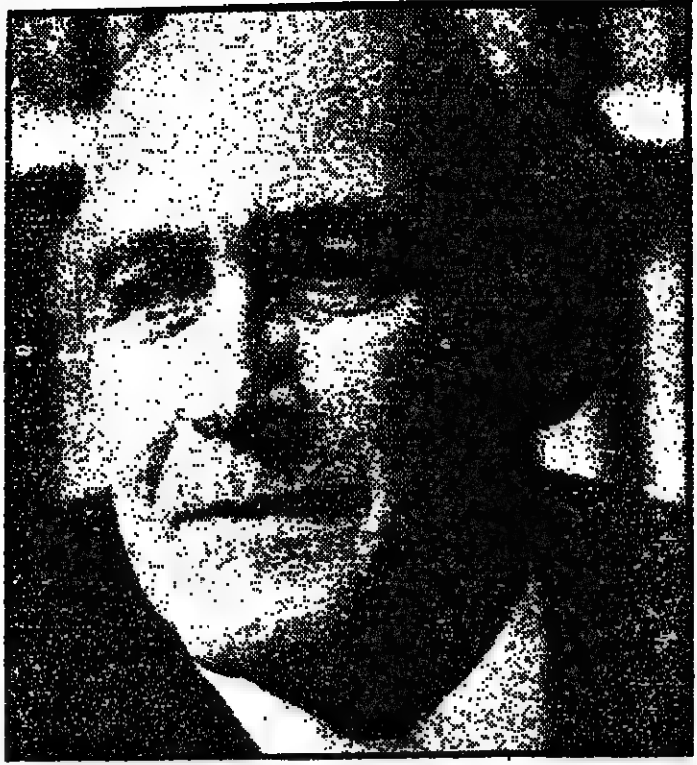
Those were my questions as I went to South Africa on official church business a month ago. I went there as a white liberal. I returned, after what I had seen and heard, a horrified radical.

The changes for the better seemed all cosmetic. In reality the position of blacks is worsening, while whites enjoy the benefits of a boom economy. I found I was visiting a police state which had adopted the methods of the Communist lands it abhors.

I found also many decent whites, but mostly (as in Germany under the Nazis) they just did not know the score.

A police state? Mostly out of sight. I saw a magistrate's court cleared out by order of the magistrate, but by a riot policeman in paramilitary uniform who knocked down a woman in so doing. A priest told me of parcels of theological books opened en route. A police car with electronic devices would listen into church conversations hundreds of yards away. I myself was quizzed sharply by a "journalist" and my briefcase searched.

Habeas corpus has gone. People may be detained without trial and without any reasons given. Informers are rife (I heard of one in a church youth group), and since informers must produce results, they often tell lies. A new law would make it illegal to publish the names of those detained—licences for official murder, for if you don't know that someone is detained, you cannot know if he has been killed. I first experienced the shock of apartheid on entering Durban. First came bustling facilities for blacks—further from the city—then the coloureds, then the Asians, and lastly, near the city centre, for Europeans. Second impressions were



The Bishop of Birmingham: Only the Church can bridge the divisions...

far worse. I met blacks who had to get up at 4 a.m. to get to work, forced to live in black townships miles from their job—and travel is not cheap.

Shantytowns may be bulldozed out of existence. Fines on white employers of illegal blacks have rocketed. More than 117,000 Pass laws changes were made in 1979. And urban blacks permitted to live in townships are becoming a diminishing elite. Those without a pass, or without employment, or without a home, or migrant workers without a contract, all may be "endorsed out" to be dumped in infertile country, often with only a latrine bucket and a tent, in what can only be described as rural townships without prospect of work. The best agricultural land is for whites. A forced migration of 4m people is planned, of which nearly half has taken place. In Africaner Newspapers, these are betterment plans for "homelands" thought up by the Ministry of Co-operation and Development. Since there is no work, the men must leave their families to find it elsewhere—but they are for-

bidden to search in urban areas. So the "homelands" consist of women and children and elderly.

And those migrant workers? I visited a block for 12,000, like a huge prison, without refuse collection, with one telephone, six beds crammed into each room. One man told me he'd been living in such a hostel for 20 years, visiting his stranger wife and children 200 miles away only twice a year. Even the white Dutch Reformed Church has described this situation as a "creeping cancer".

For most decent whites, apartheid is out of sight. How many of them have visited a migrant workers hostel? How many have seen the queues at the one black hospital in Durban, a city of one million blacks? How many have seen, as I saw, a black school on the "platoon system" (we'd call it "shiftwork"), with 85 children in one class room, kneeling on the floor and writing on benches because there were no desks? The Government spends 54

cents a year on a black child's education compared to 551 cents on a white child. Hence the schools boycott during my visit.

Even more marked than dispossession of the land (13 per cent for 80 per cent of the population) was economic dispossession. Great wealth is produced in the "central core" around Johannesburg, largely by migrant workers from outlying areas. These live in concentric circles; first "homelands" and then the small dependent nations of Swaziland and Lesotho, then the more distant countries of Mozambique and Malawi. The wealth remains in the centre: it cannot circulate through the outer areas into the black homes of those who actually produce it.

The blacks are patient, happy, peace-loving people. Apart from a few militants they have until recently acquiesced in their oppression. Perhaps it is Zimbabwe, perhaps it is the guerrillas from Mozambique, perhaps it is the civil war already beginning on the borders of Namibia—whatever the cause, the fact remains: blacks now know they are going to win. They no longer want to tamper with apartheid; they are going to dismantle it.

There are four times as many blacks as whites, and they now know, sooner or later, they will be majority rule. They now accept that some of them will be casualties. Like the Children of Israel in Egypt, they are awaiting their Exodus. (Incidentally the Boers used the very same imagery when conquered by the British, but like others who have reached the Promised Land, they behave with great insensitivity.) So far violence is the characteristic not of the blacks, but of the white administration. Blacks are peaceable people; but if peace with repression or mass civil disobedience fails, their will be terrible bloodshed. And events are moving fast.

The only hope of peaceful transformation lies with the Church. Only the Church can bridge the divisions of black and white, Boer and British, such and poor. And this is a very religious country, where the 7 pm news is prefaced not by the weather forecast, but by a Psalm, and where Ascension Day is a public holiday! The

Dutch Reformed Church, comprising 60 per cent of the population, holds the key. The Coloured Reformed already opposes apartheid, and theological justification for it by the white Reformed becomes increasingly difficult.

The Anglican Church (15 per cent of the population) is constantly harassed. For instance, the Dean of Johannesburg was on a charge for living in his own Deanery (a black man in a white area); an Anglican priest was forbidden a pastoral visit to South America. The police forbade debussing for the thousands due to attend a Cathedral service in Johannesburg for John Thorne's release. (It will take place with diminished numbers.) The day I left the Prime Minister accused Bishop Tutu, the Anglican Secretary of the South African Council of Churches, of using over firm to form an unrest—the Bishop challenged him (in vain of course) to an open debate to substantiate such monstrous charges.

The Government have deprived Bishop Tutu of his passport, but cannot take away his international reputation as a loving and fearless Christian. Can we help? Should we help? It was our own Parliament which wrote into the one thousand nine hundred and nine Act of Union the possibility of black disenfranchisement. Our own country has supplied half the vast overseas investment which has made possible the imposition of apartheid. It is reasonable in South Africa to promote direct investment, but if moral arguments over here fail to carry conviction and if British firms continue to pour in their living wage, at least British businessmen should be under no illusion about the moral danger to British investments when there is a majority government in South Africa. And South Africa today is very sensitive to foreign pressure.

Meanwhile in this beautiful yet tragic land, so rich in resources, so deeply religious, so terribly divided, there remains—just—an uneasy peace.

Hugh Montefiore

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Bernard Levin

Human nature, the bookmaker's friend

Not for nothing is that extraordinary aberration of the United States, Prohibition, known as "the Experiment Noble". (The words are those of Herbert Hoover, who wrote "A great social and economic experiment, noble in motive and far-reaching in purpose".) For there were two strands to the campaign that eventually resulted in the Volstead Act and its consequences, and only one of them was malignantly motivated. To be sure, that one—the terrible desire to stop other people enjoying themselves—quickly became the dominant one. The women drowned not only the voices but even the very thinking of the truly noble experimenters, those who saw the terrible effects that alcohol could have and, utterly misunderstanding the causes of those effects, failed to see that the misery produced by alcohol was the product of the same forces that made the drinker drink, so that eliminating the drinking would have no effect at all on the misery, nor did it. But it was not an ignoble impulse for them to wish that other men would stop drinking themselves and their families or to believe that if the destroying agent could be removed from their reach they would lose the impulse that drove them towards that destruction.

However, we leave the motives of both kinds of Prohibitionist—out of considera-

tion, there remains the inescapable fact that the result of the Experiment Noble was to cause far more misery, crime, death, selfishness, hatred and social disorder than drink ever did or, left to itself, ever would have done; and I am not, of course, thinking of those who went mad or blind from drinking imperfectly distilled "badhtub gin" and the like. What happened when Prohibition was enacted into law was that crime turned to the supply of that which could no longer be lawfully provided, but which people simply refused, law or no law, to go without.

The result, as we know, went rather further than the edging of two words (booze and hijack) to the language; it was to increase, to a vast, indeed immeasurable extent, the incidence of organized crime, gang warfare and murder. The purpose was to make the United States a more peaceable and mutually loving society; it had exactly the opposite effect. From much the same forces produced that country is not free yet, and never will be.

What has all this got to do with anything that has anything to do with what you are interested in? Why, in short, this thus-and-so of the evil been contemplating the state of affairs in Britain's gambling industry, and the more I contemplate it the more it reminds me of American Prohibition. Our Gaming Acts were designed to do two important things: one

was to enable the innocent citizen who liked an occasional flutter to have it within the law and the other was to regulate, since it was impossible to extirpate, the activities of those who wanted considerably more, in the way of gambling, than an occasional flutter, and of those who were willing to provide them with the facilities they required to indulge their craving.

And the result has been what any student of Prohibition, or for that matter of human nature, could have told the worthy legislators it would be. Of course, the result has not been as terrible and widespread as the ravages caused by Prohibition; but in its essence it has been the same—that is, an attempt to make human beings less wicked by passing laws has led to a substantial increase in wickedness.

Some of the principal gambling-casino chains have been prosecuted, or are to be prosecuted; naturally, I make no comment on any particular case that might be the subject of such legal action. My object is a general one; it is to point out that where there is gambling there will be crime, because gambling has roots in some human beings that are far deeper and more tenacious than any law can plant, and the desire to profit from the impulse to gamble that lies within those who have those roots is likewise stronger than the fear of the consequences

that may follow a breach of the law committed in pursuit of that desire.

Once upon a time, the law on gambling was a mess. Off-course betting on horse-racing was illegal and the "bookie" runner became a familiar figure, supplying the wants of those who wished to bet off-course. Casinos were likewise prohibited; whence appeared the figure of Mr John Aspinall, our own Nathan Detroit, to supply the wants of those who needed to gamble in that manner, without going abroad, by his institution of the phantom casino.

None of this, I submit, did any serious harm. The corruption of the police by the bookies went no further than an attempt to sound or two to the bookie on the corner to persuade him to face the wall as the bookie's runner ran by, and as any who ever attended any of Mr Aspinall's gambling-salons will testify, they were run with scrupulous rectitude and in conditions of considerable elegance. But the point is that everybody, from Chief Constables to Mr Aspinall, had instinctively grasped the truth, which was that people who gamble, and provided they did not "do it in the street and frighten the horses" it was best to let them be.

But that would not do for the tidy-minded, for those who believe that changing human nature is no more than a matter

of saying to this one "Go", and he goeth, and to that one "Do this", and he doeth it. They passed a Gaming Act, and then, when it turned out to be a stupendous failure, passed another, which has proved no better. And the result has been not merely more crime, of a type considerably more serious than had ever attended upon gambling in the past, but a kind of moral, legal and social quagmire that had no equivalent at all in the previous conditions.

The betting-shops have produced gang-warfare on a scale previously unknown in Britain; it is nothing, of course, like the activities of the American gangsters under Prohibition, but that is not the point, for we must remember that Britain is with her comparisons are irrelevant. As for the casinos, they have led to some of the most disgusting scenes in post-war Britain, with rival groups vying with one another to see which can bring over to Britain the latest number of rich fools and scoundrels from Arab, America and continental Europe to put their wealth into the pockets of the casinos' proprietors by night, spending their days drinking, smoking and bouncing cheques. Both forms of state-licensed gambling have resulted in police corruption on a scale unimagined in the evil past, and if you throw in the social consequences of the craze for Bingo (now, happily, much de-

The non-stop third man in the Bonn contest

Bonn. As the election contest between Herr Helmut Schmidt, the Chancellor, and Herr Franz Josef Strauss, his challenger, heats up, a third combatant will be thrusting himself more insistently into the fray.

He is the immensely influential but lesser-known figure of Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the Vice-Chancellor, Foreign Minister and leader of the liberal Free Democrat Party.

To most non-Germans Herr Genscher is, if anything, simply a skilful foreign minister who doggedly pursues West Germany's complex interests with infinite tact and reasonableness. Yet at home he is after the Chancellor, the key figure on the political scene.

He is the undisputed leader of a small party—7.9 per cent in the Bundestag—which can tip the balance of power between the two bigger parties.

Herr Schmidt and his Social Democrats could not govern without the FDP. If Herr Genscher's political instincts told him the time was right—which at the moment they do not—they could change sides and bring the Christian Democrats to power.

Since changes in power have tended to happen this way in West Germany's short history, rather than by landslide election results, Herr Genscher and the FDP are frequently the object of courtship by the Christian Democrats.

In the months before the election the FDP will be fielding Herr Genscher as their big star. The development of the campaign into a personal duel between Herr Schmidt and Herr Strauss worries the Free Democrats—they know that in a highly emotional two-sided fight of this sort they can easily get forgotten.

This danger was demonstrated on May 11 in the North Rhine-Westphalia state election, where a colourless campaign which failed to distract voters from the Schmidt-Strauss issue fell below the five per cent minimum needed for representation.

Hence the build-up of Herr Genscher into the third big figure in the election—to remind the public constantly that three, not two, parties are fighting. The FDP for instance will not allow a television confrontation between Herr Schmidt and Herr Strauss. If



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they appear Herr Genscher must be there too. But he is a star who somehow lacks star quality. Other assets—perhaps above all reliability—have made him the second most popular politician after Herr Schmidt, but charisma is not one of them.

One of his greatest assets is an insatiable appetite for work. The fact that he can hold down three of the country's top jobs, and do them well, is due partly to a working day which begins about 6 am and goes on until late at night, with little respite even at weekends.

This, plus a huge capacity to assimilate new facts and situations, enables him to direct foreign policy in an extremely tricky world situation, to lead a party constantly in danger of disappearing below the dreaded 5 per cent line and to determine, with the Chancellor, government policy in all areas, not only foreign.

To some his perpetual drive seems unnatural. Close aides believe it is partly a psychological reaction—apparently typical in such cases—to having been confined to bed for nearly three years in his early twenties when seriously ill with tuberculosis.

He certainly seems to thrive on frantic activity. When I spoke to him recently he had addressed seven election rallies and a newspaper staff and had several more speeches to go. Yet he was as fresh and energetic as if the day had just begun. "It is his elixir of life," a Foreign Ministry official says. In the past two years bouts of heart trouble brought home to political Bonn how difficult he would be to replace. No one else in the FDP leadership could hold the party's left and moderate wings together as he does and keep the coalition working so smoothly.

The right leaders at the right time

He has fully recovered and takes things a shade easier than before. But persistent and obviously irritating inquiries about his condition show how much depends here on the health of one man.

One of his greatest assets is what an aide calls his "highly sensitive" political early-warning system which enables him to detect significant changes in their early stages.

In foreign policy, for instance, he was the first German political leader to sense the growing importance of the Third World countries. He now counts this as his main achievement as foreign minister to be West Germany's policy of encouraging, both psychologically and materially, real independence for the Third World as the only sensible answer to Soviet expansionism.

He was born near Halle in what is now East Germany and fled to the West at the age of 25 after getting into trouble for his activities with the East German Liberal Party. His

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LONDON DIARY

The going rate for a day's leisure

Today is the day that William Forbes-Hamilton of Bath, who describes himself as a leisure consultant and who clearly has more money than sense, is paying six people at the rate of £1.50 per hour to spend the day indulging in leisure pursuits.

Forbes-Hamilton advertised in the normal way among the cards for gasfitters, bacon curriers and pump room attendants at his local Jobcentre where the manager, Mr Granger, treated the case in a properly deadpan civil service manner. "One day's work as a leisure consumer. No experience necessary", said the card. Interest was brisk, and the first six applicants got the job.

To earn their money, the lucky six will be required to visit a leisure centre, art gallery, museum, theatre and a ballet performance. The total wage bill for the day will be £200.

"These people will have to work", Forbes-Hamilton said

yesterday. "They will not be doing nothing as they would be if they were on the dole. Unemployment is becoming more and more part of our lives. Just because people are out of work does not mean they should be able to sit at home and do nothing; I am suggesting they become leisure consumers." He did not care whether the "workers" had any interest in the places to which they were dispatched.

Of course, if leisure is to become a full-time occupation, proper pay rates will have to be worked out, and there will have to be annual pay talks between, for example, theatre owners and their audiences. Differentials will have to be established, with premium rates for leisure workers who have to endure twenties musical revivals, experimental shows at the ICA, and any film involving John Travolta.

Apprentice leisure workers will cut their teeth watching rep at Bournemouth in February, and will graduate to the Edinburgh Festival, Covent Garden and Les Enfants du Paradis, with the prospect of promotion to master opera- phile with a regular job in the stalls at Glyndebourne.

Naturally, there would have to be agreements on such essentials as holidays, with perhaps a national minimum of



three weeks in every year at a Leyland assembly plant. The monetarist Conservative Government may be hard-pressed to work out who is going to

foot the eventual wage-bill, but I predict an imminent Cabinet reshuffle, with Jim Prior being ousted from employment by Norman St John-Stevens.

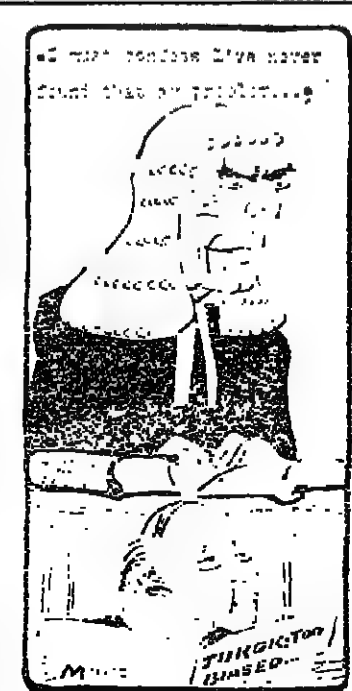
Little boxes

We British are suffering badly from architects. We suffered badly in the sixties when they gave us tower blocks to live in, and in the seventies when we moved back into low-rise houses put up to replace the tower blocks when they fell down. We were no better off. There are no longer even any minimum standards governing the size of the rabbit hutches a great many of us are obliged to inhabit.

That is the view of Sutherland Lyall, editor of the journal *Building Design*, who has cast his eye over the last decade of building for a new book, *The State of British Architecture*. The state of house-building, he concludes, is not good, although there are bright patches elsewhere.

Architects failed on tower blocks because they did not think sufficiently about actually living in them. Now they have gone back to traditional low-rise council housing, but the interiors are every bit as bad. No thought is given to the occupants; they still design kitchens with no room for a washing machine, surely an essential piece of equipment nowadays", Lyall told me.

"Wherever you go in the country, whatever the council houses look like on the outside, they are almost invariably



exactly the same inside: tiny and ill thought out, and built to quote appalling standards." Lyall notes that housing authorities have been too busy with the enormous maintenance bills for the housing thrown up in the sixties, but here has been no improvement in standards. The only bright spot at present, he thinks, is that councils are so

short of money they cannot afford to put up bad housing.

"The trouble with architects is that they think they know it all. They design in a patronizing way—homes for gnomes, for people who do not know any better", Lyall ventured.

But he does not blame the architects entirely. "The real culprits are the planners, who like to standardise everything, and ultra-conservative housing committees who always go for the safest, the duller and the cheapest."

Having looked at public sector housing in several European countries Lyall concludes that their exteriors are, if anything, even uglier than our own, but a great deal more thought goes into their interiors.

Fair enough. Council housing (with a handful of notable exceptions, it must be said) is hardly a monument to gracious living. But Lyall goes on to become moderately excited at the Byker Wall, that gargantuan slab of concrete, almost visible from the Moon, in which a great many citizens of Newcastle upon Tyne are obliged to live.

Lyall admires it because it is adventurous and zany, and a little reasonableness is what British architecture needs to lift it out of its doldrums. Much better, he thinks, than the neo-vernacular of Milton Keynes, where the patronizing architects

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A series of reverses which has not ended yet is driving London Transport further down the road to perdition than it has ever been before. The ultimate crisis is at hand, and heads may soon roll.

The world's largest urban passenger carrier faces a "choice" between bankruptcy and self-mutilation in less than a month, and the prospect of a politically imposed reversal of strategy in less than a year.

Unless early and drastic action is taken, LT expects to show a deficit of about £40m this year for two entirely predictable but nonetheless unforeseen reasons. Its wage bill is now set to rise by 20 per cent instead of the 13 per cent it was told by its political master, the Greater London Council, to budget for. And receipts have fallen because of the counter-productive fares increase of nearly a quarter earlier this year, the decline in economic activity including tourism and the recent disruption on the Underground caused by hoplomanism and the industrial action it provoked.

Unstaunching the deficit, which stood at less than £2m in 1978, will reach £134m next year. To counter this alarming exponential growth in the size of its deficit, the LT Executive in a confidential memorandum anonymously leaked to this and other newspapers recommends the GLC to let it raise fares by between 25 and 35 per cent (depending on the timing) while maintaining the existing level of services.

The only alternative it offers is an equally savage cut in

services on both the buses and the Underground. Either option or a combination of the two will inevitably drive passengers away in their millions. For it to have any effect this year, the choice must be made at or before the last GLC meeting before the summer recess on July 8.

After prolonged research into London's public transport system (including British Rail) from most conceivable angles, but starting and finishing with that of the all-important passenger, it becomes possible to discern what is not responsible for the present unprecedented problem, despite the flurry of rumour and sensation of the past fortnight and the shoal of red herrings which accompanied it.

Inflation is not responsible. Nor are fuel prices, incompetent management, trade union obstructionism, old-fashioned methods, misdirected investment, vandalism and violence, traffic congestion, bad luck, the weather, the Government, the present GLC administration or even the Almighty.

With the possible exception of the last, all these factors have been blamed, singly and severally, for the decline in London Transport, which began in 1948. There is a grain, if not an entire sand-dune, of truth in all of them, but none of them or any combination of them is the prime cause. Where they are not merely symptoms of the real disease they are at most secondary or compounding causes.

Even LT itself cannot fairly be held responsible, regardless

Social Focus

How did London Transport get into this mess?

of its own errors, some of which have been considerable. The LT Executive is accountable for the day-to-day operation of its services and for disbursements up to £15m. General policy and major financial decisions are the statutory responsibility of the GLC, although recent statements and posturings by the Conservative majority on that body, in power since May, 1977, could have given some people a rather different impression. The cause of LT's problems is political, yet so deep-rooted that it transcends mere party differences. The creeping disaster which has brought LT to its present spectacular plight mirrors one of Britain's major weaknesses and thus offers a lesson to the nation as a whole as well as to its congested capital. More on that later.

London Transport presents the passenger with a depressing and frustrating picture. Each morning London's local radio stations seem to produce a litany of bus shortages, breakdowns on the Underground and major roads blocked by accidents, failed traffic lights or

burst water-mains. The misery of waiting for a bus has probably done more than anything else to increase the proportion of profanity in everyday London English. When it finally arrives, it comes in a convoy as if nervous of travelling alone. All over town you can see buses immobile at the kerb with a seat cushion propped against their sterns, the traditional sign of mechanical failure.

You cannot change from one bus to another, still less from a bus to the Underground or vice versa, without buying another ticket. The queues at central London tube stations and such ticket machines as there are and as work have long since been overtaken by inflation and do not give change.

The entire undertaking seems to be obsessed with cash. Unless you invest in a season ticket or a dauntingly expensive "Go as you please" pass, you need a pocketful of ridiculously large and heavy coins to comply with this insatiable thirst for ready cash on the part of LT.

Yet it was not always so. Some time ago a reader, Mr Charles Fyfe, drew my attention to the following passage in a book he owns.

"Another advantage... is the issue of strip tickets by which frequent users of the buses can effect a slight economy and save the trouble of booking each time. The tickets are available on nearly all the lines and are issued in the form of a handy roll, in sets of six, one being torn off and delivered at the completion of each journey." The contemporary public transport user in Amsterdam, Munich or Paris would find nothing remarkable about this while the poor Londoner of today would go on his knees in gratitude for the opportunity. The passage comes from a guide to London—dated 1909.

Alike the bus conductor, a seeming quaior survivor from the nineteenth century is the ticket collector, who tends to do his delaying duty from a position next to already elderly ticket-cancelling machines

which were introduced nearly a decade ago to make his role unnecessary. But like that of the bus conductor, his continued presence is made necessary by LT's persistence, unlike any other major transport undertaking in comparable countries, with a system of graduated fares. In London you still pay strictly according to the distance you travel. At present one mile or less on a bus costs 10p and one to two miles 20p. Such journeys account for 66 per cent of bus usage, a strong case, it may be thought, for a flat fare of the type already on offer on the highly successful "Red Arrow" central routes.

Why then are there no flat fares, multiple tickets, automatic ticket-cancelling machines and the like, commonplace from Scandinavia to Spain. The chairman of the LT Executive, Mr Ralph Bennett, was disarmingly frank on the subject in an interview with *The Times*. "So long as we have graduated fares we have to do it this way. We have to retain graduated fares because we have to make the

passenger pay as much as we can get from him."

Mr Bennett however is not a bloated capitalist profiteer seeking to abuse a monopoly. He is instead the head of an undertaking which has been ordered by its political master to balance its books. Exactly how much LT gets by way of subsidy from the GLC and the government depends on how you analyse the accounts. The answer lies somewhere between 17 and 25 per cent of revenue. The amount becomes academic when you learn that Paris public transport gets nearly two thirds, Amsterdam 70 per cent and Rome in excess of 80 per cent by way of subsidy. Given that, it becomes clearer why Londoners have to pay such high fares for a declining service.

Sir Horace Cutler, Leader of the GLC, is probably more aware than most of the fact that the party which holds power in Westminster is odds-on to lose County Hall. A GLC election is due next May, and the present Labour majority has already drafted a plan for reorganizing LT which it regards, without undue optimism, as an election winner. What form it finally takes depends on a Greater London Labour Party conference later in the year.

At its most radical, the Labour plan proposes no fares at all, which LT, independent transport experts and probably even the majority of Labour councillors I spoke to recognise as catastrophic. Initial demand would swamp the system and commit GLC ratepayers to impossible financial strains. The most likely compromise is a substantial cut in fares followed by a freeze for the entire four-year term of the Labour GLC administration. The London Labour Party admits that it lost its nerve over LT's finances last time it was in power (1973-77) and says it is determined not to make the same mistake when it takes over next time. Thus in 11 months time LT faces a strategic U-turn which may save it but will undoubtedly cause ructions at its headquarters at 55 Broadway, S.W.1, before it does so.

Sir Horace meanwhile is annoyed with LT, as he made clear at length in interview. "Apart from the special problem of housing which is becoming a matter for the London boroughs anyway, the Conservatives are balancing the books of the GLC—except for London Transport."

The present unduly high tension between the GLC and its

creature, London and the public mind, which it has led to student of such things inescapable impression of GLC as seeking to exclusively for the defects in London transport.

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A suitable treatment for some cases

Although I am squeamish by nature, an opportunity to witness the administration of the most controversial form of psychiatric treatment, electroconvulsive therapy (ECT), seemed not to be missed. It came at the end of a week spent touring Goodmayes Psychiatric Hospital, near Ilford, Essex, the rest of which I have described in a very long earlier article.

There are ECT sessions at 9.30 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Two treatments a week for three weeks are normal. While waiting for the anaesthetist to arrive, Dr John Annandam, a registrar originally from Sri Lanka, gave me some background. From what he could gather, he said, ECT had been over-used in mental hospitals in earlier years, particularly in the late 1950s. Attitudes had become more critical in the 1960s, and ECT was now used less at Goodmayes than at some other hospitals.

It was almost the treatment of choice for certain forms of depression, but was scarcely ever used for schizophrenia. Although no one yet knew precisely how it worked, the theory was that in acute depression there was a depletion of some brain amines (part of the chemistry of the brain), and that electrical stimulus increased them.

When patients were in a severe depressive stupor, had stopped eating and drinking, were very suicidal and not communicating, it could be very beneficial.

Dr Bevis Gordon, one of the consultants, looking in briefly, said: "It's a crude form of treatment. Basically it's the same as giving someone an epileptic fit. It used to be much more dramatic before muscle relaxants were used," he said. Then Dr Michael Lauchlan, the anaesthetist, who is also a GP at Harold Wood, arrived: "I'm a general, rather than a psychiatrist," he said briskly. "I have done 70 a week in the sixties," he said. "It has gone down a good deal since the anti-depressant drugs came in." (In fact, last year 70 courses of treatment were given to inpatients; 15 to day and outpatients.) "But the drugs can have some very unpleasant side effects: dryness of the mouth, constipation, some unsteadiness and difficulties in focussing."

"After ECT, the main complaint is loss of memory, which can last two to three weeks. It varies a lot. Some outpatients go back to work the same day. Others are very confused. Some improve quite dramatically."

As we moved towards the cubicles in which that morning's four patients were waiting, Dr Lauchlan explained that a short-acting barbiturate (Brietal Sodium) was first administered by injection to induce unconsciousness. This was followed by a muscle relaxant called Scoline.

The first patient was a prematurely aged man of 50, very thin. Normally patients sign form giving their consent to treatment. They can be treated against their will under Section 26 of the 1959 Mental Health Act if one consultant and one GP agree. At Goodmayes, two consultants have to agree, after

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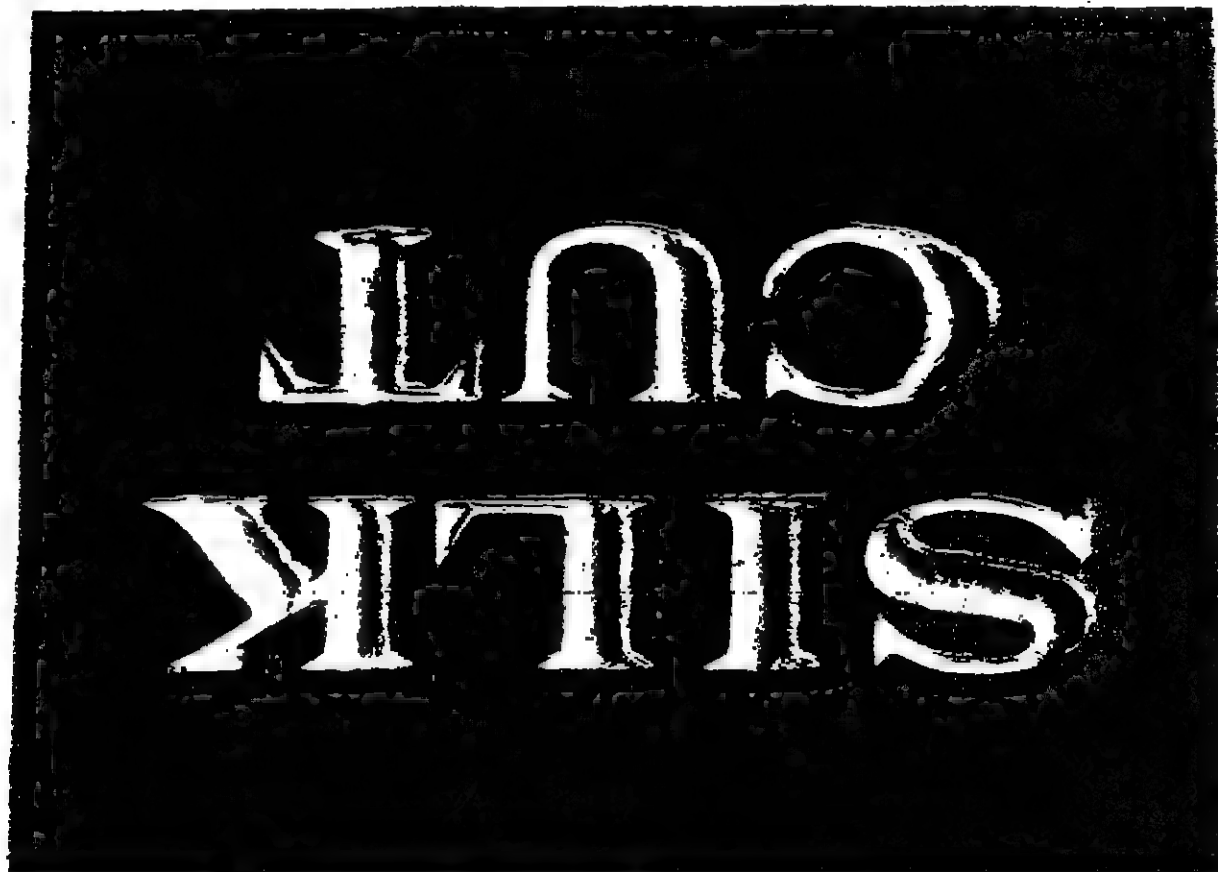
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Slide in output points to a five-year low for UK industry

By Caroline Atkinson

Industry cut back its output by 3.1 per cent in the three months February to April according to official figures yesterday. These suggest that industry is moving into a recession as severe as that of 1974-75, with a drop of 4 or 5 per cent in its output likely this year.

Output has fallen most sharply in the consumer and intermediate goods industries, the latter including chemicals and other products used in industrial processing. These sectors are often early indicators of what is happening to industry as a whole and are now showing severe signs of recession.

Chemical production dropped by 3.4 per cent in the latest three months, while in the intermediate goods category there was a 4.2 per cent fall in output. Consumer goods industries cut back by 3 per cent in the same three-month period.

The textile industry is being particularly badly hit by the economic slowdown and cost pressures. It has suffered a decline in output of 5.6 per cent over the three months to April.

Although steel production has begun to recover after the effects of the strike at the beginning of the year, it is unlikely to get back to its December level before becoming dragged down again by recession. Over the February to April period it was 22.3 per cent below the level of the previous three months.

Engineering output remained fairly steady between March and April but, on a three-month comparison, production in this sector was down by 3 per cent in February-April.

Pilkington share deals study

By Richard Allen
 Stock Exchange officials are studying "unusual" price movements in the shares of Pilkington Brothers ahead of a £25m down placing operation yesterday.

Stockbrokers Casanova and Rowe & Pitman placed 7.1 per cent of the glass group's equity with institutional investors in an operation which lasted only 45 minutes.

The stakes represented all the shares acquired by French BSN-Gervaise Danone group in part consideration for Pilkington's purchase last year of the French glass flat glass company.

The placing price of 215p a share compared with a closing price the previous evening of 228p which reflected a rise on that day of 22p.

Last night Stock Exchange spokesman said the sudden rise in Pilkington's price on the previous day seemed "odd".

He added: "It is especially odd because you would have expected it to go the other way if people in the market knew of the placing."

The spokesman said that the sudden price movement had been noted by one of the exchange's reporting staff. He said there was a possibility that some "unusual" professional had picked up an "incorrect whisper" about something happening at Pilkington.

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Orders for £4.4m

A. Monk, the Warrington-based construction company, has won contracts worth £4.4m. The largest, valued at £1.2m, is to construct new headquarters for the Welsh Water Authority at Haverfordwest.

170 redundancies

Danks of Netherthorn, near Dudley, makers of pressure vessels and boilers, has announced that 170 of its 440 employees will be made redundant.

Japanese cars retain 12 pc of market

By Edward Townsend

Japanese cars are continuing for the third successive month to capture over 12 per cent of United Kingdom market and the result could be more protection from the anti-Japanese lobby.

For the first six months of the year, Japanese cars are likely to represent about 10-11 per cent of total sales, but if the present surge continues the year-end figure could be higher.

The voluntary restriction imposed by Japan in the United Kingdom is generally considered to mean a combined market share of about 10 per cent.

Sir Michael Edwards, chairman of J.A. has said he will "beat a path to the Cabinet door" if the Japanese share continues at the 12 per cent level.

Strike may threaten £150m rail contract

By Clifford Webb

Work on a £150m contract to build 400 rail cars for Hongkong's railway is threatened by an electricians' strike at Metro-Cammell, Birmingham.

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Such a protest now seems probable, particularly as the market penetration dropped to about 15 per cent in the first two weeks of this month against 18.05 per cent for May.

The Japanese, however, claim that their rising sales must be judged by a shortage of cars at the start of the year that depressed their market share.

Despite the UK, the largest of the importers, took nearly 7 per cent of the market in the two weeks against a market share of 3.7 per cent in January and February.

BL's share was expected to decline this month and in July, partly because of the effects of its May British campaign earlier this year which pulled sales forward.

Potential buyers are also waiting for the July launch of the Fiat, the successor to the Marina. As well, the summer months provide poor trading conditions with purchasers holding back until the introduction in August of the new registration letter.

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Builders' attack on housing moratorium

By John Huxley

Construction industry leaders are seeking an urgent meeting with the Prime Minister on the Government's proposal to impose a moratorium on local authority building. In a letter to Mrs Thatcher they said the moratorium would be "profoundly damaging"; it would have the gravest consequences for an industry already facing a sharp decline in workload.

The moratorium threat has united industry leaders who meet in the Group of Eight. The only note of dissent came from Mr Les Wood, general secretary of the Union of Construction, Allied Trades and Technicians. Yesterday, he reiterated that the group should not just concern itself with workload.

He said that unless the group showed its willingness to do this over the next few weeks he would be forced to recommend to his executive committee that the union withdraw from membership.

The union has withdrawn from the group on one previous occasion. The group's unity has also been threatened by doubts over the continued participation of Mr George Henderson from the Transport and General Workers Union, the other union member.

Mr Wood is anxious that the group, now regarded by the Government as the main co-ordinating organisation for the industry, should address itself to such contentious issues as the future role of direct labour departments and reducing casual building labour.

Yesterday, other group members said that it may be possible to discuss more wide-ranging matters than those on which it was expected to reach agreement.

The group made clear that whatever its status in the eyes of the Government, it would not allow itself to be deflected from its primary role of representing the industry.

The threat of a moratorium was described as an example of "mindless mismanagement" of the industry.

It was a timely reminder that the Group of Eight and its communications with non-member construction organisations was needed.

In its letter to Mrs Thatcher, the group reminded her that the Conservatives condemned a moratorium on council building when it was used by the Labour government in 1976.

The group has sent a copy of its letter to Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for the Environment. It does not believe that "any arguments exist today which justify an action rightly denounced four years ago."

Mr Christopher Spoorborg of Hambros said at the time of the Donlton deal: "For the sake of a premium of under 5 per cent, it strikes me as sad that the NEB did not consider it reasonable to give us a chance."

But the NEB, conscious of the taxpayers' interests, took the higher offer. However, once the deal was made, Fairley decided to support it and now wants to continue and become part of the Pearson group with Donlton.

The Fairley Board meet tomorrow to reassess what they believe they can make this year. It is likely that the conclusion will be passed to the NEB on Friday, when, as sellers of the company, will then inform Donlton.

Pearson requested the Fairley board to confirm profitability before signing the deal. Fairley is believed to have wanted to clarify the original figures because of a change in the industrial and economic climate.

A spokesman for Donlton said last night: "We hope to hear quite soon. If the two estimates are materially different we may have to review the situation."

For Fairley, the Donlton deal is regarded as crucial for stability following the unsentimental created by the way the NEB offered it for sale.

Fairley, steered from near collapse to £5m profits by Mr Angus Murray, was bought by the NEB from the receiver two years ago for £18m with £2m loan commitment.

The Fairley board itself, however, is believed to have favoured the Hambros bid. Hambros, backed by a number of institutional investors, had a firm bid on the table worth £20.5m. This was the offer the NEB matched against Donlton's, apparently leaving aside the possibility that Hambros could have put up a package worth £23m.

Mr Christopher Spoorborg of Hambros said at the time of the Donlton deal: "For the sake of a premium of under 5 per cent, it strikes me as sad that the NEB did not consider it reasonable to give us a chance."

But the NEB, conscious of the taxpayers' interests, took the higher offer. However, once the deal was made, Fairley decided to support it and now wants to continue and become part of the Pearson group with Donlton.

The Fairley Board meet tomorrow to reassess what they believe they can make this year. It is likely that the conclusion will be passed to the NEB on Friday, when, as sellers of the company, will then inform Donlton.

Pearson requested the Fairley board to confirm profitability before signing the deal. Fairley is believed to have wanted to clarify the original figures because of a change in the industrial and economic climate.

A spokesman for Donlton said last night: "We hope to hear quite soon. If the two estimates are materially different we may have to review the situation."

For Fairley, the Donlton deal is regarded as crucial for stability following the unsentimental created by the way the NEB offered it for sale.

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Chrysler hoping for decision tomorrow on rescue loans

From Frank Vogl

Washington, June 17
 Officials are hopeful that decisions can be taken on Thursday by the Chrysler loan board, set up by the government, that will finally start the flow of vital needed cash to the ailing car company. As much as \$500m (£213m) could be in Chrysler's hands within 10 days.

Chrysler has ceased paying to 19,000 suppliers and has announced that it will only be able to resume payments once the government's guaranteed notes for \$500m are issued and sold in the markets.

On Thursday the loan board hoped the paperwork relating to the note issue will have been worked out so that the notes can go on sale to the public on Monday.

The loan board will not be able to sanction the note sales until every one of more than 300 banks which Chrysler is involved in approving debt restructuring plan. Seven still have to give their blessing and Mr Lee Iacocca, chairman of Chrysler, said last night that he was confident these banks would agree soon. He added that a lot of pressure was being applied to them.

The loan board is made up of Mr William Miller, secretary of the treasury, Mr Elmer Staats, the comptroller general, and Mr Paul Volcker, chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank. Mr Volcker is in Peking at the moment and Mr Miller leaves on Thursday afternoon for the summit conference in Venice, so deputies may be appointed to ensure that there are no delays in completing the documents.

If the exchange of documents between Chrysler, the banks and the government relating to the note sales was not substantially completed by Thursday morning, then the board expects to adjourn its meeting to a time and place when it can take final action on the Chrysler request for guarantees, the Treasury said.

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UK in need of venture capitalists, minister says

By Kenneth Owen

Technology Editor
 Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Industry, said yesterday he hoped the Government would change the climate of the industry in Britain and encourage venture capitalists of the kind he had met on his recent visit to California.

He had been impressed by two things in particular on his American visit, he said. One was the number of British people he met there. The other was "the pervasive presence in the Californian economy of an animal we scarcely know in this country—the venture capitalist."

The business climate in America had produced young, relatively young, and middle-aged people who had made money in high-technology ventures and were prepared to invest in other companies.

"Entrepreneurs have turned themselves into venture capitalists," Sir Keith was speaking at the opening of the London offices of Systime, the Leeds-based company which claims to be the United Kingdom's second largest manufacturer of business computer systems.

The National Enterprise Board holds a 25.5 per cent stake in Systime and Sir Keith indicated he was less than delighted that the company had chosen to go to the NEB rather than to the private sector for the finance it needed. However, he congratulated the company on its "phenomenal progress."

Mr John Parkinson, chairman of Systime, said the market for commercial computer systems had grown by 40 per cent a year over the past three years and the company's business had grown at 100 per cent a year.

The company was formed in 1972 and showed a 1978-79 turnover of almost £16m.

Mr Charles Duncan, the secretary of energy, was warned last March in Saudi Arabia that American attempts to increase the reserve would be viewed as running counter to Saudi interests and might lead the Saudis to cut production from the present 9.5 million barrels a day. Clearly, Saudis fear that their ability, and the ability of Opec as a whole, to dictate world oil prices will be reduced if the main user nations carry very large oil stocks.

The Saudis claim also that they raised their output by one million barrels to 9.5 million barrels a day solely to ensure sufficient supplies to meet world demand. Any evidence that supplies were in excess of actual needs, which in their view would be the case if countries put their imports into reserves, would be a sufficient reason to cut output.

The Saudis have claimed that it was not Opec action but squabbling between big oil importing nations to secure large reserves that pushed the spot market oil price up last year. They have given a warning that stockpiling by the Americans would lead to higher world oil prices.

Congress leaders do not appear to be intimidated by the Saudi warnings. The Congress is set to approve an important Bill aimed primarily at ensuring government support throughout the 1980s for assorted synthetic fuels projects. The Bill is viewed as too important to be vetoed by the White House, even though the administration is not happy with the special clauses added to the Bill that deal with oil stocks.

These clauses stipulate that the administration should add at least 100,000 barrels a day to the reserve and the administration is directed "to commence crude oil acquisition immediately" for the reserve.

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Lonrho decision on Friday whether to revive Shotton

By Peter Hill

Industrial Editor
 Directors of Lonrho will decide on Friday whether to pursue plans to revive the British Steel Corporation's Shotton steelworks.

The rundown of steelmaking operations at the North Wales plant is well advanced and by the end of this month 7,000 workers will have been made redundant. The corporation is continuing to operate the steel casting complex on the site which it has invested in.

Mr Derek Norton, head of the Lonrho's engineering division, who earlier this year carried out a study into the possibility of the company acquiring Shotton, is expected to attend Friday's meeting to press the case for a partnership deal with BSC.

Mr Norton, who is also chairman of Hatfield, the Lonrho-owned private sector steel-maker, has said previously that the company would not be interested in only the steel-making side of the Shotton site.

BSC has always stressed that the casting complex was not for sale, although a spokesman said last night that the corporation would consider any proposal from Lonrho.

The Belgio-Luxembourg Economic Union's trade deficit narrowed to a provisional 15,510m francs (about £250m) in February from 26,070m francs in January, the national statistics office announced in Brussels.

New Zealand deficit
 New Zealand had a balance of payments deficit of \$N250m (about £210m) in the year ended April compared with a deficit of \$N240m in the year ended April 1979, the Reserve Bank of New Zealand reports.

SOCIETES REUNIES D'ENERGIE DU BASSIN DE L'ESCAUT (EBES)

Summary of the Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended 31.12.1979

In 1979, the total consumption of electric power in Belgium attained 45,250GWh, a 6.1% increase over the previous year. Sales of electricity by the company and the intercommunal utilities which it manages totalled 16,285GWh, an increase of 9.7%. HV power sales were up by 9.9% and those of LV power were up by 9.1%. During 1979, the Company's production, transmission and distribution facilities in the fields of electricity, gas and cable-television allowed to satisfy users demand at any time. The nuclear units at Chooz, Doel and Tihange, in which the Company has a holding, like during the previous year supplied a considerable portion of all generated energy.

In 1980, the Company will celebrate the 75th anniversary of its foundation. Indeed the "Société d'Electricité de l'Escaut" was created on 8 August, 1905, and it gradually expanded its operations into the province of Antwerp. In 1956, following mergers with other companies, its name was changed into "Sociétés réunies d'Énergie du Bassin de l'Escaut—EBES", the name which it still carries today.

In order to secure at national level a uniform management of the nuclear generating facilities and to better spread the contingencies of such operations, the EBES, INTERCOM and UNERG utilities in 1979 formed a joint ownership of units 3 and 4 of the Doel nuclear power plant and of units 2 and 3 of the Tihange nuclear power plant. Management of units 3 and 4 of Doel is provided by EBES and units 2 and 3 of Tihange are managed by INTERCOM. EBES also holds a 35% share in the three 180MW sets making up the 2nd unit of the Coo-Trois Ponds pumped storage power station which will be commissioned in 1980.

The total capital investment for 1979 amounts to BF13,203 million. This amount comprises a share of BF1,037 million in the construction of the nuclear units of the Electricité de France power plant at Tricastin and BF9,267 million for other generating facilities, BF4,600 million for interconnection and transmission equipment and BF2,059 million mainly for distribution facilities.

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PRICE CHANGES

& Ross 10p to 343p	Holt Lloyd 10p to 225p
Corp 8p to 352p	Horizon Travel 12p to 285p
Bank 11p to 406p	Inter-Ferg 5p to 62p
12p to 349p	Ratners 20p to 180p
15p to 101p	Vesper

Oil 15p to 750p	Imp Cont Gas 10p to 850p
5p to 512p	10p to 430p
6p to 551p	HEC Electric 7p to 180p
10p to 175p	Nal Carbon 8p to 132p
12p to 737p	Reckitt & Colman 8p to 194p

THE POUND

Bank	Bank	Bank	Bank
buys	sells	buys	sells
2.08	2.01	Norway Kr	11.73
30.65	28.35	Portugal Esc	116.50
62.00	65.50	S Africa Rand	2.12
2.72	2.65	Spain Pta	165.50
13.20	12.65	Sweden Kr	10.07
8.82	8.42	Switzerland Fr	3.96
9.85	9.45	USA \$	2.28
4.29	4.07	Yugoslavia Ddr	66.00
102.00	97.00	Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as stipulated yesterday by the London Convention.	
11.65	11.35	Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currencies.	
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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

After the 'corset'

the monthly "make-up" day for the figures being the will matter in terms of the bank and "corset" penalties.

It has been restricted competition, the instrument of monetary control, of the "corset" has been limited. "Strong credit demand" has been rved to encourage the creation of side the banking system, notably placing of commercial bills with ink private sector.

intermediation of this business into team banking system seems likely something like 2.3 per cent to the oney supply figures over the coms. This is not going to make the money supply figures any easier to this summer, but that is a factor authorities will obviously allow for their judgments on underlying trends and the appropriate stance rates.

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they be needed, the Government sumably sanction other measures t has finally thrashed out, probably t half of next year, precisely how like to see the monetary system ng the eighties.



Richardson, Governor of the Bank

banks have been left in no doubt ank of England that any bright ing schemes to mark the demise rset will be frowned upon. The on qualitative lending stay and, that means that the banks ted to give priority to manufac- industry, exporters and companies in import substitution.

time of the corset some banks, or example, gave specific instruc- their managers to refrain from ine Virgin business and to restrict the personal sector to the level of n.

ive guidelines on lending mean the short term banks are not to launch aggressively new nor, for example, to start com- arnest with building societies. But banks are likely to interpret the ms in their own way.

plan to start new savings and loan and although these may begin in a, they will be ready for a more

aggressive promotion later. Home loans have been an area into which all the clearing banks have indicated they would like to move. But with recession now uncomfortably close the next step may not be so much whether to increase lending but whether there are many takers.

Although equities took a well-earned breather yesterday after their precipitous rise of the past two weeks, institutional appetite for leading shares was underlined by the speed and ease with which the 7 per cent stake in Pilkington held by BSN-Corvus following the Flachsgut deal last year was placed for a total of £25m.

Indeed stockbrokers Cazenove and Rowe & Pimman appear to have carried out a remarkably smooth operation for the French group given that the placing price of around 215p was only a 6 per cent discount on the overnight price of 228p, which had managed a jump of a tenth the day before, around twice the rise of other blue chips.

Pilkington's full year results last Friday were rather better than feared at the time of last December's £60m cash call but clearly BSN, which had never looked on the Pilkington holding as a long-term investment, is taking a view on the group's longer-term prospects and perhaps more significantly on the likely course of sterling.

Meanwhile the strong demand for the Pilkington placing coupled with the way the property sector has taken the £108m Land Securities rights issue in its stride may encourage other groups outside second line oil shares to look a place in the rights issue queue, although this time round companies will have to put up a good case other than tiding them over working capital problems.

One further point worth making is that after all the brouhaha about down side placings like Pilkington's are in reality nothing more than a mirror image of such operations.

International banking Where have all the borrowers gone?

The Bank for International Settlements last week added a warning of its own to those increasingly frequently heard from commercial bankers over the difficulties faced by the international banking system in recy- cling the vastly enlarged Opec surpluses.

Lending bankers might be forgiven a wry smile. The ironic fact is they have rarely been under less pressure than during the first half of this year. While the deposits of the oil exporters have flowed in, the borrowers have remained determinedly out of sight.

Up until the end of May, according to Morgan Guaranty Trust, the total of new Eurocurrency credits totalled \$24,380m, no less than \$6,000m down on the comparable five months of 1979. Non-oil developing countries had borrowed barely 10 per cent of their projected \$70,000m 1980 current account deficit.

It is the borrowers rather than the lenders who have been reluctant to come forward. Earlier this year the expectation was that, as demand for funds rose, so too would the mergers of the lendin banks. This has signally failed to happen. If anything, the evidence of the past week or two is that the competitive pressure to lend is still sufficiently fierce to have obliterated most of the tentative movements towards higher margins. Borrowers as diverse as Sweden, Argentina, Italy and Thailand are all raising funds on more competitive terms than on previous deals.

The reason for the lending lag is not altogether clear. When dollar rates were around 20 per cent there was a strong disincentive to borrow and reserves, in many cases, were sufficiently high in late 1979 to facilitate a borrowing delay. But it cannot last for long. One or two countries known to have a big pending borrowing requirement are already having to concede more generous terms—Brazil is an instance—and increasingly others are expected to follow. The floodgates could well open in the second half of this year.

For the time being, however, banks are highly liquid and probably underlent. As recession gathers pace in domestic markets their desire to lend internationally will grow. The lender's market has not yet arrived.

Anyone doubting the role of the house newspaper as a force in the dissemination of corporate information could do no better than scan some of the recent issues of *Ferranti News*.

Ever since the Government instructed the National Enterprise Board to dispose of its investment portfolio, the journal has become a vital forum for both management and shop floor workers to express their views. Its role has become even more pronounced since the NEB formally announced on the eve of the spring bank holiday last month that it intended to dispose of its 50 per cent interest in the electronics and electrical group as soon as practicable after the company's 1979 results were published.

As Mr Derek Alun-Jones, the company's managing director, observed, with remarkable understatement in the latest issue, "The NEB and its investments have always been a political issue". Today the controversial plan to sell off the NEB stake moves firmly into the political arena when MPs debate the issues which it raises.

It was inevitable that the disposal of the Ferranti stake would be controversial, not least because it will complete the trio of major disposals (the others being interests in Fairair and ICL) made by the NEB under its obligations to the Government. It also happens to rank as a success story—a bull point which management, workers and opposition MPs with different shades of emphasis, have underlined as the campaign to ensure Ferranti's independence has gathered momentum.

For in the five years since Ferranti was saved from collapse by £15m of new capital from the taxpayer, the company's profits and performance have improved beyond all recognition. When Mr Sebastian de Ferranti, the chairman, and



Mr Sebastian de Ferranti (left), chairman of Ferranti, and his brother Basil (centre), deputy chairman, who with family interests control 29 per cent of the company's equity. Right: Sir Arthur Knight, chairman of the National Enterprise Board, which has yet to decide how the disposal of its stake will take place.

his brother Basil, deputy chairman (with family interests they still control 20 per cent of the company's equity), opened discussions with Mr Wedgwood Benn in the summer of 1974. Ferranti was in dire financial straits. Heavy research and development spending and a pre-occupation with technological excellence, which had become Ferranti's hallmark, had been accomplished with little more than a passing regard for financial profitability.

With Mr Alun Jones installed as managing director and the rescue formalized in May, 1975, Ferranti reestablished itself forcefully in the electronics and electrical sector. Reorganization coupled with disposal of less profitable engineering activities and rationalization into five main operating divisions have helped Ferranti to emerge leaner, more competitive and profitable.

Last year pre-tax profits were £9.9m; the City expects the results to be published early

next week to show an improvement to about £11m; and, providing the company can remain free of industrial relations troubles, pre-tax profits in the present financial year could top £13m.

Ferranti has become the jewel of the NEB's rather tarnished crown.

The attractions of the company to corporate predators are considerable. It enjoys a technological lead in a range of essential defence areas and projected sales growth for several years ahead is specially encouraging, not least because of the equipment the company will be supplying for the Tornado aircraft programme.

The company depends heavily on defence spending—about two thirds of its worldwide sales are in his area and nearly half of that is to the Ministry of Defence (to which its Scottish group is heavily oriented). That bias would appear effectively to rule out a bid from a foreign buyer.



Sir Arthur Knight, chairman of the National Enterprise Board, which has yet to decide how the disposal of its stake will take place.

The heart of the controversy over the sale of the NEB stake is not so much the principle (although Labour MPs would disagree) as the method. Management and workers have achieved, as the casual reader of *Ferranti News* will discover, a remarkable degree of unanimity about this.

They favour disposal of the NEB holding via the stock market, either in a lump or in stages. The alternative is a disposal to a single buyer—which is attractive to the Government because such a procedure would command an additional premium for the shares because the buyer would have to bid for the balance of the shares—and cash rich GEC is regarded as the most likely bidder.

A GEC bid would not only create uncertainty; it would almost certainly involve delay. Ferranti and GEC compete in a significant number of areas and not only would Ferranti's aspirations to continued independence be undermined, but

the spectre of rationalization and redundancies would loom large. There would be defence considerations: the two companies and their subsidiaries compete and the views of the Defence Ministry would have to be sought.

There would also appear to be prima facie grounds for a reference to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission in the event of a GEC takeover attempt. That would further add to the uncertainty at a critical time in Ferranti's development.

The Ferranti management has vigorously lobbied in support of the flotation route, apparently believing that Sir Arthur Knight, the chairman of the NEB, and his colleagues have already made up their minds to follow the alternative course in response to government pressure.

But the campaign waged by Ferranti has angered Sir Arthur, who has let it be known that the board has not decided what course to follow and will not do so until it has received the Ferranti results next week.

The NEB board finds itself in an unenviable position over the Ferranti disposal because it is required to take account of both the taxpayers' interests, and the interests of the company in selling off its investments.

Proceeds from the sale of the Ferranti stake will count towards the board's contribution to reducing the public sector borrowing requirement. But should a short-term political requirement assume a greater importance than the best long-term interests and health of an efficient, internationally competitive company, which forms a vital part of a sector of British industry which is the plague of deindustrialization?

In today's debate Ferranti managers and workers will be listening carefully to ministerial speeches to see what impact, if any, their campaign has had.

Ferranti fights for its independence

Peter Hill

Bringing order into the world's commodity markets

Geneva

Thinking forward in the midst of war to a better order of things, the economist John Maynard Keynes set out, in a memorandum to the Treasury written in 1942, ideas which three decades later were to be closely examined by the "think tank" of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (Unctad).

The outcome was Unctad's proposals for an integrated programme on commodities (IPC), including a common fund for financing buffer stocks. The IPC proposal was formally adopted in May, 1976, at the Unctad IV conference in Nairobi. Some 25 countries, five of them in the developed "market economy" category, said they would support it financially.

That was the start of the long and — for some Third World nations — frustrating negotiation now moving towards a close at the sixth full session of 103 countries committed to, or interested in, the scheme.

The negotiation on the fund — that is for actually putting the programme itself into operation in anything like the form originally envisaged — depends on the ancillary negotiations on individual commodity agreements.

So far, the only one that appears to be a willing candidate for immediate inclusion in the programme is that for rubber, on which a full-scale stabilization agreement was reached under Unctad auspices, in October last year.

Another possible candidate is sugar, for which a five-year agreement was renegotiated under Unctad in 1977. Negotia-

tions on the other 16 commodities of which the 10 most essential are on a "core" list, are in various stages, and all moving slowly.

Copper has proved to be the most contentious with so far no fewer than 17 preparatory meetings. Negotiations on a sixth tin agreement, to replace the one expiring in July next year, broke down last month mainly because of differences over the size of the buffer stock and the principle on which export controls are to be operated. After 10 meetings, the "negotiating stage" has been reached on June.

Nobody any longer sees the integrated programme as a panacea for problems in world commodity trade, but it will have an important role to play in curbing extreme price and supply fluctuations.

Agreement on the fund's basic elements was in fact reached in March last year, subsequent negotiations having been directed to details of its operating charter.

It has two specific functions, financed through separate "windows". The first is building up international buffer stocks in cooperation with the international commodity agreements (ICAs), finance coming in part from the pooled resources of the agreements.

In return for placing with the fund one-third of their maximum financial requirements for stocking, they will receive borrowing rights sufficient to cover their total stocking needs.

In addition, fund members will make direct contributions to the first window, totalling \$400m (\$150m in cash, \$150m on call and the remainder "cal-

lable"). These contributions will compromise minimum equal amounts of \$1m from all members plus assessments based on a variant of the United Nations sliding scale.

From this total at least \$70m will be voluntarily contributed to the second "window" for which the overall target is \$350m. The money from it will be used to finance measures for improving productivity — by research and development — marketing and, where advisable, diversification.

In the event, because of the protracted process in achieving individual commodity agreements, this second "window" looks like being open for business before the first one.

In the final phase of the negotiations, much time has been occupied with arguments on whether funds from one ICA can be freely used to support another. While the Group of 77 (the Third World nations), who have sometimes had extreme difficulty in reaching a common position, have wanted this facility to be automatic and total, the Americans and the European Community have held out for selectivity.

The organization and phasing of direct contributions have also been difficult to agree on, because of its position as a trading entity, the European

Community feels it should be a member of the fund, but without any additional vote, as is already the case in negotiations in tin and cocoa — secret consultations are now in progress on the latter, aimed at unblocking the price issue that remained outstanding when the third session of the conference ended in November.

Manila and Amsterdam have both made bids for the organization's headquarters, London, because of its commodity markets, is favoured by some.

The South East Asian nations, as producers of major commodities that can be stocked, have in fact been keen on the Unctad concept from the outset, their attitude in marked contrast to the often lukewarm attitude of the Latin Americans.

The African countries, with soft commodities, have had their eye mainly on potential benefits that could come to them through the second window.

If the separate commodity negotiations now look like obstructing more rapid realization of the integrated programme, Mr Giamani Corea, the Unctad secretary general, is confident as ever that agreement on the common fund will quickly prove to be the vital catalyst.

Alan McGregor

Business Diary: Fin de siècle • Tyrone power

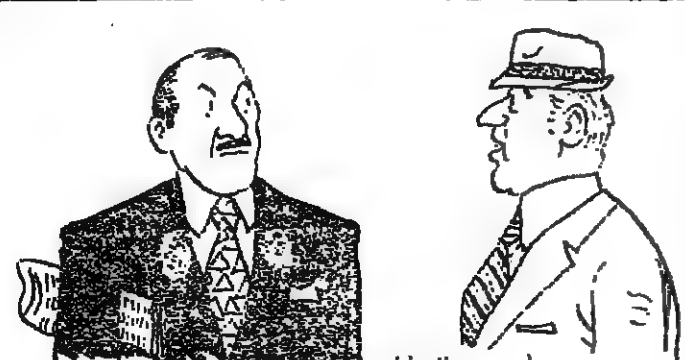
As whisky goes with, than before or after, are always held that it is haggis—and it must whisky at that.

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university recently the farm from whisky Alexander Bulloch, who been able to restore the the finny glories of its ssor Ron Roberts, direc- the institute, told me ay that the farm will be a business, producing nd salmon both for the ion of students and for king of United Kingdom



"I don't know what Roy Jenkins is playing at. Both Margaret Thatcher and Jim Callaghan already claim to be the leaders of centre parties."

The sale of Ulster's ailing Tyrone Crystal cut glass company to the Australian millionaire John Graham is one of the more romantic stories to come out of the province in recent years—and not only because 150 jobs will be saved in an unemployment black-pint.

Graham, 44, was born in Tyrone, but left a tiny farm near Plumbridge for Australia when he was 15 with £10 in his pocket. He then made a fortune in mining and by buying and selling ships and aircraft.

Tyrone Crystal, which was started as a community self-help venture 10 years ago by a local priest, Father Austin Eustace, but ran into money problems, had been on the market for the past year. Graham heard of the firm's troubles on a visit to see his mother. He bought it and plans to invest £500,000.

Despite their cellars brimming with an abundance of good 1975 wines, and bank accounts well-stuffed with the proceeds of an eminently successful 1978, there is concern among the potentates of claret in the Medoc outside Bordeaux. It is how they are to maintain the standard of their local celebrations.

The Joneses to be kept up with in this case are the de Rothschilds, for whom financial embarrassment is said to be usually a matter of surfeit rather than loss. At the weekend Baron Elie de Rothschild hosted the annual Fête de la Fleur, celebrating the flowering of the vines, at Lafite-Rothschild, a party unmatched in the annals of Bordeaux.

Baron Elie fed 600 on delicacies prepared by Paris's greatest caterer, Gaston Le Nôtre, conveyed specially from the capital with his team. The wine list consisted largely of first growths, culminating in Lafite's own 1949.

And after that the guests were treated to a half-hour fireworks display, a pyrotechnical cannonade involving so much explosive that it was with difficulty that the French customs had been persuaded when the materials were imported from Spain, that the Basque separatists were not moving their arsenal.

But what made the cautious Medocans wince, mindful that they cannot have 800,000 vines for ever, was that then Baron Elie generously handed every cent of the ticket money (every guest had paid more than £40 for his place) over to medical research, a gesture which made the smaller châteaux owners whistle.



I thought personnel managers nice, if rather ineffectual people, but after what I have been hearing about this year's essay competition in *Personnel Management*, (logo above) the magazine of the Institute of Personnel Management, I am beginning to wonder.

The subject is "Ethics versus expediency". Behind this choice, a little bird tells me, was contemplation of the possibility of say, a board's request to engineer the continuation of a dispute so as to qualify for an insurance scheme (a la CBI); or to use skills to make an unfair dismissal "fair" in tribunal eyes.

Red Robbo cannot enter the competition—you have to be an IPM member.

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